

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Draft Minutes of 10/2009 State Board Meeting
Manure Management
Wilderness Rider Training 2009
Upcoming Public Lands Events
Feature: CCC - They Are There For Us...
Rendezvous 2010 News

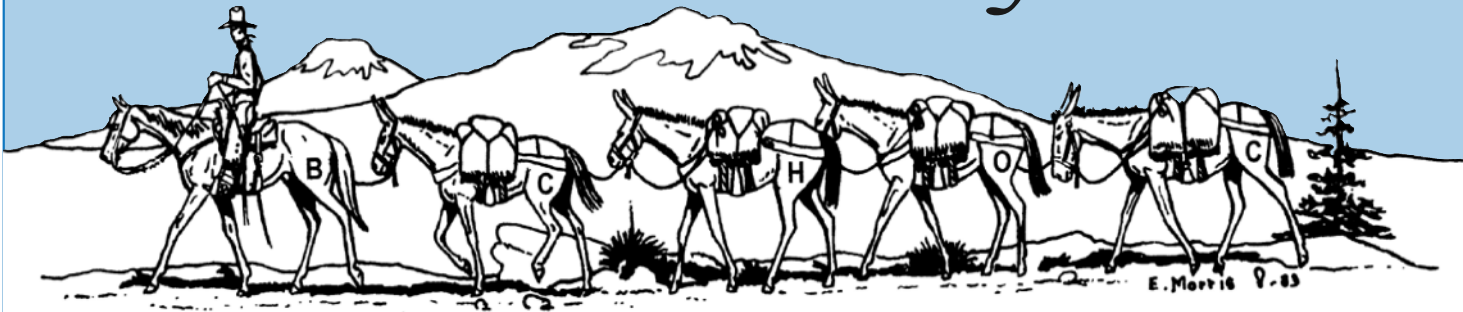
For more BCHC and Rendezvous information, see our website: bchcalifornia.org

BCHC

Backcountry Horsemen of California
P.O. Box 40007
Bakersfield, CA 93384-0007
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NON PROFIT
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Manteca, CA
95336
No. 43

The Backcountry News



Volume 17, Issue 1

The Official Quarterly Publication of Backcountry Horsemen of California

Winter 2010

BCHC RENDEZVOUS 2010 MOVES TO MERCED

March 19-21, 2010

“Pack to the Future - Today’s Youth, Tomorrow’s Packers”

A RENDEZVOUS TO REMEMBER - BCHC RENDEZVOUS 2010

By Michael King, Rendezvous Committee

It is amazing how time flies. It seems like only yesterday we were just finishing up Rendezvous 2009 and the planning was beginning for 2010. Although it seemed like a long way off, here we are again at the doorstep of another gathering.

The Rendezvous Committee met with the BCHC Education Fund Board in April to begin planning for 2010. First on the list was the selection of the next Rendezvous theme. After much consideration, a theme was chosen from many entries submitted at the 2009 Rendezvous, “Name the 2010 Rendezvous Theme” contest. The two winners (two entries were selected and combined) received free Rendezvous T-shirts for their clever

Continued at top of Page 19



ALL EQUESTRIAN RIDE INTO THE 2010 BCHC RENDEZVOUS

*Bruce De Mott, Parade
Coordinator*

Join an all equestrian
parade from downtown
Merced into the Merced
County Fairgrounds!
Saturday, March 20th,
2010, saddle up and ride

into the fairgrounds and see all the Backcountry Horsemen of California’s
fixin’s. Come one, come all. If you have a parade-ready horse, mule or

Continued at top of Page 20

The Backcountry News

A Quarterly Publication of the Backcountry Horsemen of California

Editor • Carol Jo Hargreaves

1229 Maple Hill Ct, Manteca, CA 95336-5125

(209) 988-5831

Email: news@bchcalifornia.org or cjohargreaves@clearwire.net

Backcountry Horsemen of California Official Website: www.bchcalifornia.org

Printed by The Manteca Bulletin and distributed by The Oakdale Leader

Publication Information: The Backcountry News is the official journal of the Backcountry Horsemen of California, Inc., published four times per year (three times in 2009). All rights reserved. It is an independent publication with news and information of interest to Backcountry Horsemen members, with an average circulation of over 3,000 per issue. Annual subscriptions are \$15.00 for non-members. Non-Profit postage paid at Manteca, CA.

Who Is BCHC? The Backcountry Horsemen of California, Inc. is a 501 (c) (4) non profit organization incorporated in the State of California, March 13, 1990, with a 501 (c) (3) education foundation established in 2007. The Backcountry Horsemen of California Inc., reserves the right to refuse any advertisements and/or articles that are inconsistent with the Backcountry Horsemen of California's objectives and purpose statement. Other material will be printed at the Editor's discretion.

Disclaimer: Articles and advertisements that appear in The Backcountry News do not necessarily reflect the position or opinion of BCHC or its officers and members. Nor does publication of said articles and advertisements constitute an endorsement of views or of the goods or services offered therein that they may express. Accuracy of all material is the sole responsibility of the authors. BCHC is not responsible for unsolicited material of any kind.

Reader Submission - The Backcountry News welcomes reader contributions, event and calendar dates, and Unit news. These will be printed on a space-available basis. Submissions may be sent on disk in a Microsoft Word format, emailed or sent by regular mail. Longer articles are subject to edit for space at the discretion of the Editor. Photos will not be returned.

Deadlines - Advertising, announcements, pictures and other copy must be received at The Backcountry News by the deadlines listed below.

| Deadline | Publication Date |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| April 9, 2010 | May 2010 - Spring/Summer |
| August 13, 2010 | October 2010 - Fall |
| December 10, 2010 | January 2010 - Winter |

Advertising Rates Per Issue: Rates effective January 2005. All ads must be paid for in advance. Multiple insertion discounts apply to ads placed in consecutive issues.

| Number of Issues: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | } Cost per issue |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|
| Full Page | \$150.00 | \$142.50 | \$135.00 | \$127.50 | |
| Half Page (h/v) | \$100.00 | \$95.00 | \$90.00 | \$85.00 | |
| Quarter Page (h/v) | \$80.00 | \$76.00 | \$72.00 | \$68.00 | |
| Bus. Card (h/v) | \$25.00 | \$23.75 | \$22.50 | \$21.25 | |

Advertising: All ads must be sent camera ready and sized to fit. If sending by email, all ads must be at least 300 dpi, in tiff (.tif) format, and must include all fonts, pictures, and graphics used. Mail payment to the BCHC Treasurer. Checks returned from the bank will have a \$25.00 return check fee. No advertising will be accepted from advertisers with outstanding balances. Liability by The Backcountry News shall not exceed the space occupied by the error. Never shall The Backcountry News be liable for any general, special or consequential damages. All claims for adjustments must be made within 30 days of the first publication of said ad.

2010 Executive Committee

President

Larry Shuman • (530) 526-0590 or (530) 941-8529 • shuman@hughes.net

1st Vice-President

Garry Stauber • (408) 772-7613 • gstauber@equestmagazine.com

2nd Vice-President

Carrie Johnen • (209) 245-5617 • cjubilee@comcast.net

Secretary

Kaye Bruns • (661) 944-4927 • kowgrl@juno.com

Treasurer

Lynn Joiner • (661) 589-7993 • lynnjoiner@sbcglobal.net

Co-Vice Presidents of Public Lands

Bruce DeMott • (209) 599-2620 • demott9@aol.com

Ruth Gerson • (818) 991-1236 • RuthGerson@aol.com

Co-Vice Presidents of Education

Lisa Deas • (831) 402-7492 • muledaze@yahoo.com

Dan Horn • (707) 544-4543 • bearstrap@msn.com

BCHA National Directors

Michael Murphy • (707) 874-3404 • exitra_mike@hotmail.com

Ann Lange • (760) 378-2113 • kvvet@onemain.com

BCHA Alternate Director

Dan Clifford • (619) 659-3038 • bigeasycowboy@mac.com

Past President

Paul "Chip" Herzig • (951) 769-3781 • chryvchip@msn.com

2010 State Coordinators

Accounting

Weir and Associates • (661) 323-1514

Annual Meeting

Kaye Bruns • (661) 944-4927 • kowgrl@juno.com

Editor

Carol Jo Hargreaves • (209) 988-5831 • news@bchcalifornia.org

Insurance

Garry Stauber • (408) 772-7613 • gstauber@equestmagazine.com

Membership

Karen Harper • (866) 748-2033 • membership@bchcalifornia.org

Rendezvous 2008

General Chairman: Larry Shuman • (530) 526-0590 or (530) 941-8529 • shuman@hughes.net

Event Planner: John Black • (209) 537-1516 • johnbfatman@aol.com

Web Coordinator

Lisa Deas • (831) 402-7492 • muledaze@yahoo.com

Membership Matters

Contact Membership Coordinator, Karen Harper.
She'll be happy to address any of your questions or concerns.

Karen can be reached Monday through Friday,

Toll free: 1-866-748-2033

By mail: P.O. Box 1610, Oakdale, CA 95361-1610

Or by email: membership@bchcalifornia.org

President's Page



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is having a relaxing winter. As I write this, my town of Cottonwood is in the midst of one of our coldest streaks ever. This morning at 6:30 it was 15 degrees! Luckily I had my water pipes covered and ready. It has been this way for a few days. In this part of the country we usually see one or two days when it hits 30 degrees for the low, so this is really unusual weather!

As I hope you know, the Forest Service is going through a Trail Reclassification process. The process requires each National Forest to set a baseline for their current trail system and then reassign the trails to the new classifications. At the October State Board Meeting we asked each Unit with a National Forest they support or use to make contact with the Forest and get involved in the Trail Classification process. This is important because if a trail is classified wrong in the baseline it will be too late to change it when it is moved to the new system. Make this your Unit's top priority so we can make sure the Trail Systems in our National Forests remain open to equestrian use. If you or your Unit would like more information, please contact me or Bruce DeMott, BCHC Public Lands Co-Vice President.

Now, for some good news on our finances! We have reduced our spending and, with the help of the Units picking up the cost of insurance, we have managed to keep ourselves from slowly losing money at the state level. Also, last year's Rendezvous managed to make a small profit. Last month something even better happened! We were contacted by a San Francisco law firm and asked if BCHC Units do all of their volunteer work in the state of California. Since the answer was yes, we were sent some forms to complete and return. A few weeks later BCHC received a check for \$50,000. It could not have come at a better time!

The Rendezvous Committee and others have been working towards our next gathering. Unfortunately the Marines are being deployed and won't be able to join us this year but we have some great ideas to take their place! We are focusing on youth. The 2010 Rendezvous theme is "Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Packers". If you have children in your life, bring them to the Rendezvous this year. Youth are our future - this is a great chance for the kids in your family to learn about packing and recreational stock use!!

See you at the 2010 Rendezvous in Merced!! In the meantime, stay warm.

BCHC WEB PAGE IMPROVED!

Now you can find information about Rendezvous 2010 and Wilderness Riders on the BCHC web page.

Take a look: www.bchcalifornia.org

NOTICE: As a cost-saving measure, we will only publish 3 editions of The Backcountry News in 2010.

The deadline for submissions for the Spring/Summer 2010 edition of The Backcountry News is: FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010

Send submissions to news@bchcalifornia.org/ OR cjohargreaves@clearwire.net or mail to 1229 Maple Hill Ct. Manteca, CA 95336



OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE of the BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFOR-

- To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.
- To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.
- To keep the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horsemen on all public lands.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
- To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.
- To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.
- To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the backcountry and to help educate backcountry users on ways to use the trail and forage in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources.
- To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.
- To promote a working relationship with and keep the work and interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.

Draft State Board Meeting Minutes

DRAFT

**BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA
STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday, October 10, 2009
Holiday Inn, Visalia, California**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:08pm by President Larry Shuman.

Roll Call: Attendance was taken as Unit Directors signed in. Units not represented: Eastern Sierra, High Country, Sutter Buttes.

Minutes: Minutes of March 20, 2009 State Board Meeting were sent out in the packets.

Corrections:

-newsletter: name correction- Dan Maris

-announcements/other business:

-#7 clarification, budget loss of \$17,000 was for last year (2008)

-insurance costs: \$4.60 per person

Motion to approve the Minutes as corrected by Dan Horn, second by Barbara Kelly. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report/correspondence: Kaye Bruns reported sending out BCHC Education Fund information. Also, sent unit information to a prospective new member.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Joiner sent copies of her report to Directors and Presidents.

Questions on insurance:

-Insurance was paid out of the Benefactor Account, until units paid their insurance costs. Money from units was returned to the Benefactor Account.

-Consulting fee: to Karen Harper, Membership Chair, paid annually

-John Black: \$8,000 for 2009 Rendezvous expenses

-501C3 account paid \$4,500 for upfront fee for 2010 Rendezvous

-BCHC 501C3 report for expenses for 2010 Rendezvous

-501C3 can not give money to 501C4 account, but 501C4 can give money to 501C3 account

-Michael King wanted to know if there is a list of individual units and how much money they have in their 501C3 accounts.

Larry Shuman reported that our membership basically stayed even, and would like the insurance to be paid by units as it was for 2009. Motion made by Dan Horn, second by Pete Spencer. Motion passed.

Statewide Fundraiser: selling merchandise on our website

BCHA Action Report:

Michael Murphy reported that BCHA has hired Dennis Daly as Executive Director of Issues and Policies. He has been invited to Rendezvous 2010. He will need his expenses paid.

- National Equine Public Lands Association: BCHA Stock use training
- Bart Koeler: Wilderness Society, can do trail work for 1/10 cost of Forest Service
- five new affiliates to BCHA
- BCHA made changes to their Vision Statement
- 2010 meeting in Branson, Missouri, last week in April
- volunteer hours \$600,613,643; with \$1.8 million from California

Ann Lange reported that California has a much larger voice at the national level

-trail classification issue (gave her report at the Public Lands meeting)

-how to organize Public Lands to be beneficial to the State

-Inyo Forest, Ann was able to show trails from 1988 showing stock use.

There was a 40% drop in trails that stock could use. Lack of maintenance caused loss of trails.

Jerry Ledbetter- our concerns

-forest service attempt to classify trails as they are NOW, not what it was in forest plans in earlier years. Need a baseline for trails

-goal: public lands to remain open to stock use

-objective: states to help monitor

-each unit, and someone as contact person in each unit responsible for a forest (18) in California. *need committees in each unit

-need to find out where in the forest classification process each forest is at, we need to keep them honest.

-BCHA to develop information and assistance to keep units informed.

Information will go to Directors at BCHA- they forward info to the 23 units in California. There are 18 forests in California

-units need reps to check with forest service to see where they are in this process. If you do not say no at the proper time, you have no stand on the issue later.

-baseline: Forest Plan from the late 1990's. Each forest should have trail inventory. Find old maps, and know what the classification of the trails were.

** this is the most important issue in a long time

-if we do not get involved, we won't have Trail Fundamental and Trail Management options.

-this presentation was video taped and will get information to BCHC at our Rendezvous.

-Public Lands people will meet at Rendezvous to learn what needs to be done.

-Forest Plan from 1980-90 should be available for each forest area

Insurance: Garry Stauber reported that any president changes need to be sent to him by email: gstauber@equestmagazine.com

Membership: Karen Harper reported that we have 3011 total members. Email Karen if you need information.

Education: Lisa Deas reported on the following

-new membership form is updated and on the website

-all units need email addresses of members

-flyers still under construction and should be ready for Rendezvous. The Highline flyer (from Redwood Unit) was approved

Continued at top of Page 5

Draft State Board Meeting Minutes

DRAFT STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES, continued from Page 4

- leadership training will need more time at Rendezvous
- classes at Rendezvous: Wilderness Riders will be teaching the gentle use classes
- leave no trace competition at Rendezvous
- refresher course for Wilderness Riders
- Kowkids Calendar: digital photos to Lisa
- Wilderness Riders packing ability requirement: need forms signed and sent to Ken Graves.

Public Lands: Dan Clifford reported on the following

- during these last four years there has been much progress with helping other agencies.
- regional meetings for documenting trails. Need to get together with local units in area to see who will work what area of the forest.
- fish planting: Allan Hill gave his report on the proposed language for EIR. November 2008- Fish and Game shut down fish plants until EIR is done. Comment period closes November 13, 2009.
- Public Lands wants to maintain the existing fish plants. Larry will send a letter from BCHC. Ted Fischer made a motion to approve letter, second by Steven Rennebu. Motion passed.

Public Service: Carrie Johnen reported our website has the volunteer hours form. Use Excell Program to report hours.

- education chairs need to tally hours and send to Carrie
- information is due to unit education chair by January 20th
- unit information due to Carrie by February 1st
- last year there were 5 units that did not report their hours

Webpage: Lisa Deas reported on the following items

- gentle use form has been updated and posted
- BCHC donation button on each page of our website
- merchandise will be sold off the web. Need to check on taxes
- BCHC newsletter on the website
- Wilderness Riders page is under construction
- new forms for membership on the website

Newsletter: CJ Hargreaves reported on the following items:

- units need to submit articles of their activities.
- ad swap with Mules and More, Equine Affaire and Western Mule. We run their ads, and they publish our ads for Rendezvous
- Winter edition: deadline is December 11 for January edition. This edition will include information on Rendezvous 2010.
- CJ is looking for old copies of the newsletter for the archive

Travel site: CJ Hargreaves reported

- travel site has been up and running for 3 years and 5 months
- 89 bookings have been made
- unit webmasters: please make sure you have the correct BCH Travel Site information.

2:44pm: Board of Directors meeting to take a short break
2:56pm: resume meeting

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ben York Perpetual Trophy: Foster's had it last and they moved to Missouri.
2. BCHC CD: Dan Horn is still looking for photos on unit activities.
3. Ohlone Riders Bylaws were approved at the Executive Board Meeting on 10-9-09
4. BCHC patches: Dennis Jensen will design a patch with our logo
 - John Black found a clean digital version of our logo. Download off website.
 - the logo that Dennis Jensen created will be used for the children's coloring contest.
5. 501C3: Chip Herzig has a flow chart that shows how it works
 - you get the donations and send it to Lynn Joiner
 - units can draw on their money they collected by applying to get the money back
 - money goes to a SEPARATE 501C3 account of that unit
 - ** you can not mix money
 - need to check with you bank on how to set up this 501C3 account.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Horse/Bicycle flyer approved for the webpage
 2. Elections: Michael Murphy and Pete Krieger gave the speeches. Voting took place and the results are:
 - President: Larry Shuman
 - 1st VP: Garry Stauber
 - 2nd VP: Carrie Johnen
 - Secretary: Kaye Bruns
 - Treasurer: Lynn Joiner
 - VP Public Lands: Bruce DeMott and Ruth Gerson
 - VP Education: Lisa Deas and Jim Bell
 - BCHA Director: Michael Murphy and Ann Lange
 - Alternate Director: Dan Clifford
 3. Rendezvous 2010
 - Place: Merced Fairgrounds. Building costs will be about 1/2 from last year.
 - Trainers: Matt Sheridan and Jerry Tindell
 - need to cover costs approx: \$500 each trainer. Sponsors get publicity at the activities.
 - Marines: need to cover cost approx. \$600. Sponsor gets publicity at activity
 - Meals: quote is just slightly higher than last year
- Patty Heyden from the San Diego Unit, suggested each unit sponsor a youth group and bring them to the Rendezvous.
- Rendezvous Unit Assignments:
- Alcohol: Mid Valley
 - Artwork: Lake Mendocino: Dennis Jensen
 - Contests: Shasta Trinity- Odd Load Packing
 - Lake Mendocino- children's art contest
 - Friday night social: San Joaquin
 - Gates: Kern River Valley, Santa Ana River
 - Packing 101: Antelope Valley and Kern Sierra

Continued at top of Page 6

5

Draft Minutes

BCHC

DRAFT STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES, continued from Page 5

Registration packets: San Gorgonio Pass; Printing: Kern Sierra
Maps/signage: Larry Shuman and Lisa Deas
State Booth: Sierra Free Packers, Los Padres, Top of the State,
Sequoia, High Sierra (4-6 people at a time)
Trainers: Top of the State to sponsor Matt Sheridan
Sequoia to sponsor Jerry Tindell
Wine and Cheese: Redwood
Volunteer Coordinator: Chip Herzig
Western Art Show: San Diego
Silent Auction: Los Padres, Sutter Buttes
Live Auction: possible North Bay
Small Raffle: Redshank
Large Raffle: Mother Lode
Announcer: Ohlone Riders
Program: Redwood: Jacque Murphy
Auctioneer: Los Padres: Dave Regoli
Kids Activities: Lake Mendocino, Ohlone Riders
Trail Trials: possible Dave Ewbank, Joan Wilkinson
Pack Scramble: possible Eastern Sierra
Dutch Oven: possible High Sierra

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

1. California Equestrian Land Coalition: John Keyes will be our new representative.
2. 501C4 Bylaws: Chip Herzig:
-appoint any kind of office/duty
-PL and Education VP: bylaws do not say anything about co-VP's
-if both are elected together as a block, if one quits, block is gone. If elect as block, we need to make a bylaws change. Motion made by Dan Horn to elect individual for joint positions as co-chairs. Second by John Lyons. Motion passed.
3. Lynn Joiner: Statewide Fundraiser: 3-day ride open to the public.
-need a location to accommodate approx 200 riders, possible September date
-need raffle prizes
4. Bring your old Rendezvous t-shirts. Lisa Deas would like to make a display of these past Rendezvous shirts.
5. 2009 Rendezvous t-shirts for sale \$10.00
6. State Board Meeting to be held at Holiday Inn in Visalia, second weekend of October 2010.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye Bruns
BCHC Secretary

2010 BCHC KOWKIDS CALENDAR



Announcing the 2010 BCHC KowKids Calendar for sale now. Please check the State website on the first page, press the LULU icon to directed to the online store for purchasing. The calendar is 18 months this year and all proceeds go to our BCHC Education Fund.

<http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

NOTICE TO ALL BCHC UNITS

Please send contact information for your 2010 Officers and Directors to Karen Harper, BCHC Membership Coordinator, immediately in order to be included in the BCHC Directory.

BCHC

The BCHC State Board, after hearing a presentation by Alan Hill on proposed language in the fish planting EIR, asked BCHC President Larry Shuman to send comments to Fish and Game. Following is the letter Mr. Shuman sent.



BackCountry Horsemen of California

To whom it may concern:

On October 9th the BackCountry Horseman of California had our semi-annual meeting and the issues presented by the Draft EIR/ EIS on Hatchery and Stocking Program was discussed. The issues are a concern to our organization as we consider the fish hatchery and stocking program an integral part of the back country experience. Some of our Units throughout the state are even involved with the stocking program via stocking with the use of mules and horses.

We have not produced any scientific studies, but we have observed over the past few years that a significant amount of hikers and equestrians enjoying the back country also have with them fishing poles. In some cases members have asked back country users they have met the experience they have had in lakes that we have been involved with in successfully planting and almost unanimously they have been successful in catching fish and would not hesitate to return at a future date. Hunting, fishing, along with hiking and equestrian use has traditionally been a significant part of why people enjoy the wide open spaces of our beautiful wilderness areas, parks, and other outdoor locations. To remove or significantly limit one aspect of the outdoor experience would have adverse effects on those that enjoy the back country. This is why we are recommending the following:

ALTERNATIVE 1 RECOMMENDED WITH FOLLOWING COMMENTS

There have been numerous studies by a large number of state and federal agencies in the California ranges of the Yellow Legged Mountain frog and Cascade frog over at least the past 10-15 years.

In our opinion:

1) There has been no conclusive scientific evidence to prove that frogs and fish can NOT coexist, as further evidenced by the continued presence and existence of both in environments where fish have been introduced for at least 90 - 150 years.

2) There has been evidence of declining populations of fish (trout, including, Eagle Lake, Shasta rainbows, German Brown, Eastern Brook, Golden) and amphibians of both species (Yellow Legged Mountain and Cascade), but it has not been determined beyond a shadow of doubt the absolute specific causes of the decline.

Consequently, we support consistent:

1) Continued stocking of fingerlings in all the high mountain lakes of California

2) Continued management and support of hatcheries to produce adequate number of fingerlings to accommodate the high levels of stocking to provide for high quality recreational fishing in all the high mountain lakes of the Sierras, Cascades and Klamath mountain ranges of California.

Thank you for the chance to comment:

Larry Shuman

President, BackCountry Horsemen of California

Email: lshuman62@gmail.com

Phone (530)527-8907 or Cell (530)529-0590



If you go to Bishop, make your travel reservations through BCHC's travel site!
<http://www.ytbtravel.com/bchc>



BCHC will have a booth at Bishop Mule Days Celebration again this year over Memorial Day, May 25-30, 2010. If you are interested in helping out, contact Lisa Deas, Co-VP of Education, at muledaze@yahoo.com

Education

MUNDANE AS IT SOUNDS – MANURE MANAGEMENT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT

This information was submitted to The Backcountry News by two BCHC members in different parts of the state. The subject, although, mundane, is vitally important to our future as horsemen.

Teri Baron, Redshank Riders Unit, wrote: "Below is part of an article received from another horse organization in Northern California and I thought it was well worth mentioning here. As many of us travel to trails around the state or country, we all should take heed. It appears that most agencies, whether they be city, county, state or federal lands are trying their best to obstruct use by the public and particularly horsemen. We need to make sure that we don't give them any additional excuse to do this. General Plans come up constantly for re-evaluating uses and we need to keep this in mind."

Chris Cooper, Ohlone Riders Unit, explained: "The below problem is in the San Francisco Bay Area (widely expressed here). Although we all may find horse manure to be a pretty petty thing to complain about, your trail use could be impacted by this problem one day as well."

Sandy Greenblat is an avid horseman who has worked tirelessly for equestrians and their issues. This email also pertains to any open space including MROSD, County, City...anywhere that equestrians are allowed.

I will spare you the detail, save to tell you that if we as responsible equestrians do not

- 1) clean up after our horses in parking and staging areas shared with others
- 2) consider providing manure bunkers in appropriate places which means continuously servicing of those bunkers (hiring people to cleaning them out, loading the manure onto trucks, trucking the manure to disposal sites and paying for same)
- 3) taking the manure away in our trailers if necessary and disposing of the manure at our host barns
- 4) at least spreading the manure in areas which are reserved for horse trailer parking

If we continue to ignore these issues, then we are bound for trouble, not bound for glory.

This subject comes up repeatedly, including this past Tuesday evening [November 17, 2009] at the GGNRA Open House at Fort Barry, SF. I am pleading with you to get the word out through your newsletters, word of mouth, notices on barn bulletin boards, through your email blasts, and any other way you can imagine, that we need to address this now. If you or I come to a horse staging

area and the manure is where the last rider left it, at least get the rake out and spread it. This is no longer an acceptable signature.

Also, as a closer, the complaints are not coming from metropolitan areas only. We have all parked in rural and back country staging areas only to find the place(s) covered with abandoned manure. This practice has to stop. The arbitrary reactions are soon to pose greater problems than we care to address if we do not police ourselves.

With all the warmest greetings I can send for a Happy Holiday Season.....

Sandy Greenblat

**"If we continue to ignore these issues, then we are bound for trouble, not bound for glory. "
~ Sandy Greenblat**

DISCOVER UC DAVIS EXTENSION'S OUTDOOR EXPLORATION PROGRAMS

DAVIS, Calif., December 3, 2009 - Join fellow horse enthusiasts for dinner and learn about horsepacking adventure courses coming next summer. Instructor Craig London will present slides and photos that showcase horsepacking excursions of years past. This three-hour open house is for anyone interested in attending one of the two summer courses: Mustangs: A Living Legacy is a popular educational trek through the Pizona area of the Inyo National Forest and a great place to learn about mustangs and packing. Mountain Horsemanship: Veterinary Care and Horsepacking in the Wilderness is a deluxe pack trip in the High Sierras with expert instruction on wilderness horse care.

The open house is Saturday, February 6, 6-9 p.m. on the UC Davis campus. The \$25 enrollment fee includes dinner.

For more information, please call (800) 752-0881, (530) 757-8899 from Davis or Woodland, email extension@ucdavis.edu or visit our website: <http://extension.ucdavis.edu/beyond>

UC Davis Extension, the continuing and professional education arm of UC Davis, is an internationally recognized leader in educational outreach for individuals, organizations, and communities. UCDE serves lifelong learners both locally and globally, with more than 60,000 annual enrollments in classroom and online university-level courses.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact us: info@ucde.ucdavis.edu
UC Davis Extension, 1333 Research Park Dr., Davis, CA 95618
1-800-752-0881 1-530-757-8777 from Davis and Woodland

Education



2010 BCHA LEAVE NO TRACE MASTERS CLASS

BCHA is proud to announce sponsorship of its fourth annual Leave No Trace Master Educators class. The class will be held at the Historic 9-Mile Ranger Station in Huson, Montana, May 3-7.

Student Nominations are due not later than 01 March 2010. Nominations are to be e-mailed to Bob Wagner, BCHA LNT Program Manager at twostar@hughes.net, US Postal service: 3038 Mick English Road, Metropolis, Illinois 62960. Telephone (618) 638 4416

Seat availability is limited to twelve students with the following students in mind:

State / Affiliate States with two or more Master Trainers focusing on outstanding /deserving (proven)

LNT trainers who have shown the initiative and desire to become LNT Masters and carry the program forward

State /Affiliate States with no Master Trainers

State / Affiliate States with one Master Trainer

Student requirements: **State supported**, highly motivated, self starting individuals who are members in good standing of BCHA.

BCHA will pay student tuition with each student being asked to apply for an educational grant thru Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics to help defray tuition costs. State/individual pays travel, hotel expenses. Historically, students will spend two /three nights in a hotel (depending on their arrival time) that will have a block of rooms set aside for the students (expect \$75-\$80). Transportation to Nine Mile from the hotel and return is furnished. Students who drive can, in fact, use their POV if desired.

Once student selection is complete, all students will receive an information package that will include instructions for grant application from the LNT Center for Outdoor Ethics in Boulder, CO. These are to be filled out (grant applied for) and returned to Leave No Trace.

Upon satisfactory course completion, graduates will be expected to hold two Train the Trainer classes per year for the first two years at a minimum.

Quarterly reports, outlining both classes held, if any, or negative reports if none, will be required to be sent to BCHA LNT program manager for tracking of State LNT program progress, Master Educator Support and information to the BCHA Education chair.

With three previous classes now complete, 36 personnel trained, over \$15,000.00 has been invested in this educational endeavor. Education is not cheap. Please consider this as your State begins the student selection process. Remember class size is limited to twelve persons and when all seats are filled, three alternates will be chosen as well. Student and alternate selection will be on a "first come, first served" basis.

Respectfully,
Robert W. Wagner,  BCHA LNT Program Manager

I took a class put on by the USFS back in 2005 that was called "Leave No Trace, Master Educator (Stock)" held near Missoula, MT. It was a great course taught by folks who pack for a living; "a million pounds of cargo annually" was the claim by Bob Hoverson (author of the Packer's Field Manual) and Smoke Elser (author of Packin' in on Mules and Horses). They send me yearly updates about the courses they are planning for the coming year. There are many titles like defensive horsemanship, equine packing techniques, and use of firearms that sound like great courses. Here is a link if you're interested in learning more:

<http://fs.usda.gov/goto/lolo/nwtc>

*Pete Kriger
San Gorgonio Pass Unit*



If you go to Montana for this class, make your travel arrangements through the BCHC Travel Site - it's convenient, easy to use and turns your trip into a donation to BCHC!

Education



BCHC WILDERNESS RIDER TRAINING 2009

By Carolyn Gilmore, Mother Lode Unit

Nine very fortunate BCHC members were chosen to participate in the 2009 Wilderness Rider Training held May 9-15 at the Henry Coe State Park outside of Gilroy, California. The eight riders were Lisa Deas, Lloyd Erlandson, Ted Fischer, Carolyn Gilmore, Terry Jorgensen, Randy Witt, Dianna Mahoney and Susan Stillman. The four outstanding instructors were National Forest representative Ken Graves from the Harrison Gulch Ranger Station, Ruthie Heuer, Donna Meier and Jo Johnson. Everyone was extremely well fed thanks to the gourmet cooks, Garry Stauber and Don Van.



“The Wilderness Rider Program is a partnership between the Backcountry Horsemen of California, the USDA Forest Service, National Parks and the Bureau of Land Management. Wilderness Riders are trained stock users who have made a commitment to educating others about the value of wildlands and the importance of Gentle Use Skills.” The week long training included instruction in the Leave No Trace ethics, how to teach them, and packing into the back country to practice what everyone had learned! The Leave No Trace material was jointly presented by our wonderful instructors and each of the participants who were assigned a portion of the material to present to the group. The presentations aimed for teaching the material in interactive and humorous ways. Our instructors and “student” teachers were very entertaining and often hilarious! The educational materials supplied to the students coupled with our very knowledgeable instructors, Ruthie, Ken, Donna, and Jo made the entire experience stellar. The program was so well organized that not a moment was wasted and it far exceeded everyone’s expectations.

After all the book learnin’, the thirteen happy campers packed to a horse camp in the bowels of Henry Coe State Park. Everyone had a chance to practice what they learned and see how the ethics looked in real life. Rides in the park rounded out an already awesome experience. Of course, Garry Stauber and Don Van, the cooks continued to amaze us with their fabulous meals. Many a lady asked if they were married and offered to take them home. Unplanned rattlesnakes, grass fires outside the park and wild boars added to the unforgettable experience.



Words cannot begin to describe the 2009 Wilderness Rider training at Henry Coe State Park. Even my horse learned a few new tricks like being hobbled and learning to canter and leap tall tents with his two front feet tied together. I think I can safely speak for all the participants when I say besides an incredible opportunity to learn about gentle stock use in the backcountry, we formed strong friendships that will be with us for many years to come. All the participants are now well prepared to help other wild land users including hikers, bikers, horse people and motorized vehicle users to be gentle in their use of our precious outdoor resources. I am sure by now all the enthusiastic students have had a chance to spread the gospel of Gentle Use and Leave No Trace in positive ways to other lovers of the outdoors.

If you want a heck of a good time, plan to participate in 2011 Wilderness Rider training. Applications and requirements are available at Rendezvous and online at the BCHC website.

“...the cooks continued to amaze us with their fabulous meals. Many a lady asked if they were married and offered to take them home. “

Things To Think About

NO INSPECTIONS FOR HORSE MEAT

Submitted by Kathleen Hayden

Agricultural Act Passes Senate, Moves onto President

by: Edited Press Release
October 14, 2009, Article # 15088

On Oct. 8, 2009, the United States Senate passed the final version of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (H.R.2997). The House of Representatives approved the bill the previous day. This bill provides funding for the USDA for fiscal year 2010 and contains two provisions of interest to the horse industry.

GAO Study of Horse Welfare

The conference agreement accompanying this bill directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to study the status of horse welfare as it relates to the closing of horse slaughter plants in the United States.

The agreement requests the GAO to issue a report by March 1, 2010, on the current state of horse welfare in the US since horse slaughter facilities were closed. The GAO is instructed to consider how the horse industry has responded to the plant closings in terms of horse sales, exports, adoptions, and abandonments. In addition the GAO is instructed to review the impact the closures have had on farm income and state and local government organizations.

USDA Inspection at Plants

The bill also contains a provision prohibiting any funds from being used by the USDA to inspect horse meat for human consumption. While there are currently no plants operating in the in the United States that process horses for human consumption, this bill effectively bars any such plant from operating in the U.S. for fiscal year 2010.

This bill will now proceed to the President for his approval, which is expected.

If you have any questions regarding this bill please contact the American Horse Council www.HorseCouncil.org, 202/296-4031.

UPDATE: This bill was signed by the President, 10/21/2009. and became Public Law No: 111-80.

Imagine that overnight a new state law goes into effect declaring that from now on you do not own your animals but rather you are their "guardian." Read the Commentary in the next column...

Commentary: Animal Guardianship and Horses

This is an excerpt from Equine Disease Quarterly, funded by underwriters at Lloyd's, London, brokers, and their Kentucky agents. October 05 2009, Article # 15021

Submitted by Kathleen Hayden

Imagine that overnight a new state law goes into effect declaring that from now on you do not own your animals but rather you are their "guardian." Does this sound farfetched? Some local communities have already made this change. The first legal step on this road has been the addition of "owner-guardian" language to local ordinances, then changing the wording to "guardian" only. One state now has "owner-guardian" as a part of its law, and various federal agencies are using the word "guardian" in conjunction with "owner" whenever the latter appears in their regulations.

Animal guardianship advocates suggest that referring to the human-animal relationship as one of guardianship rather than ownership will lead to better animal care. There is little basis for this assertion; an abusive animal owner would likely be an abusive animal "guardian."

While local ordinances to date have generally applied only to dogs, cats, and other companion animals, a next step would be to expand such laws to include all domestic animals. With the groundwork in place, guardianship advocates could then move to the state level.

"Ownership" and "guardianship" are two distinct legal terms. The first is an expression and protection of the property owner's legal rights, while the second imposes numerous legal duties and obligations on the guardian. Today as an animal owner, you can decide the animals' care and future as long as you are not abusive, cruel, or neglectful: what to feed or where to house them; which animals to breed them with; what veterinary care to provide; whether to sell them, put them down, or include them in your Will. If the law changes and you no longer own your horses but instead become their "guardian," you will always have to act in the horses' best interest. As you can well imagine, there will be many times when your horses' best interests are not yours: euthanizing a horse to avoid a substantial veterinary bill could be prohibited, as could using horses in endeavors like racing and showing. A guardian would be unable to sell horses, as they are no longer property.

If you no longer own your horses, property insurance policies might not cover the loss of your horses or injury to them. Expenses, write-offs, and other deductions under federal and state tax laws, which are predicated upon horses being property and assets belonging to their owners, might no longer be available.

A successor-guardian could be appointed to sue you on behalf of your horses for not having taken care of them properly, for their injuries, and even for their deaths. The list of legal repercussions that could befall horse owners should the law be changed from ownership to "guardianship" is extensive, and it behooves the horse industry to remain vigilant about pending legislation.— Gregory M. Dennis, JD, 913/498-1700, gdennis@ktplaw.com, Kent T. Perry & Co. L.C., Overland Park, Kansas

Public Lands

INVITATION TO ALL BCHC UNIT PRESIDENTS AND PUBLIC LAND CHAIRS FROM Ruth Gerson and Bruce DeMott, BCHC Public Lands Co-Chairs

Hi, BCHC Public Lands folks!

I have some pretty exciting and important material to go over. The stuff is good enough that it takes the "How do we get our point across?" element out of the picture. This stuff is rock solid. It puts us in the position of the government coming to us with alternatives and working with us on an equal basis. Not as advisors but equal. It's not too good to be true. I will bring comprehensive material that is already developed and in the process.

With the excitement of the holidays in mind we picked Saturday, January 9, and Saturday, January 16, 2010 to meet with southern unit Presidents and Public Lands Chairs in Hemet and Visalia, respectively. We will be scheduling similar meetings for central and northern units. To reduce travel and time away from home we selected meeting sites as centrally located as possible.

I have been integrally involved in developing a tool that can serve Backcountry Horsemen. This tool can change our relationship with federal agencies in a dramatically positive and lasting way. I sincerely believe it is something we have been looking for and need. Presenting this material before Rendezvous will give you time to think about its possibilities prior to joining for the March Public Lands Committee meeting.

I promise not to disappoint you or waste your time. My expectation is to place a working model in your hands that can be a guide to follow in your interagency actions with in starting discussions.

Thanks for your vote of confidence in electing me as Co-chair for BCHC Public Lands. Folks like you are worth the time and effort and I appreciate the opportunity very much!



*Thursday, March 18:
Fred Grant (9:00 a.m.) - \$10 donation*

*Friday, March 19:
Public Lands Committee Meeting (9:00 a.m.) and
BCHC State Board Meeting (1:00 p.m.)*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 18!

FRED GRANT PRESENTS

By Bruce De Mott and Ruth Gerson, Public Lands Co-Chairs

Fred Kelly Grant will bring the coordination process to us on Thursday, March 18, 2010, prior to start of the BCHC Rendezvous. Fred has helped many counties develop a coordination system with federal agencies which has continued to protect the property rights of private citizens. Tuolumne County Supervisor Teri Murrison will supplement Fred's presentation with techniques on "How to Approach a County Supervisor". All Public Lands Chairs, Unit Presidents and other interested persons are invited. The presentation begins a 9:00 a.m. A donation of \$10 will help defray the cost of bringing Fred out from Nampa, Idaho.



Fred's qualifications are outstanding. He graduated summa cum laude from the College of Idaho. He received a silver cup for the Best Oral Argument at the University of Chicago and graduated with his Juris Doctorate degree in 1961. After admission to the Maryland Bar he served as Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maryland.

Fred says:

Local governments that have implemented "coordination" status with federal management agencies are successfully fighting erosion of private property rights in their communities. The "coordination" status is authorized by almost every federal statute relating to management of land, resource, and environment. All the local government has to do is formally accept the congressional invitation to "coordinate" and federal agencies have no choice but to agree.

Where County Supervisors or Commissioners or the governing body of a particular taxing district want to implement a coordination status, they can achieve that status by appointing a natural resource council which will put together the local plan and its priorities. They present it to the Commissioners/Supervisors for adoption and then serve as advisors on natural resource issues to the governing board.

We cordially invite you to attend and learn about this powerful tool that enables BCHC Unit Public Lands representatives to have a voice on issues equal to that of federal agencies. You won't want to miss this one!

Public Lands

FOREST SERVICE VISIT FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

We are on the calendar with a tentative hold for a visit by Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, March 19, 2010 to address our Rendezvous business meeting.

Kim Walton, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief, states that we can look for a confirmation after the holidays. Kim has advised me that Jim Bedwell, Director, Recreation, Heritage, & Volunteer Resources has advised Mr. Holtrop to make the trip to our Rendezvous. That's a very positive and strenuous effort consideration by Mr. Holtrop. Joel and his staff are to be commended for their efforts in relationship building. As Mr. Bedwell stated in June, "Let's put the money into trail maintenance rather than suing each other."



We have the opportunity for "public involvement" by pursuing the 501C(3) aspect. Tax deductible public funds education and trail maintenance is responsibly participating in one of the most expensive considerations in wilderness, namely trails. A 2005 American Horse Council census conducted by a reputable firm reported that the equine industry contributes 101 billion, 536 million dollars to the total U.S. economy annually. Cornering a few of those dollars and working with the Forest Service and their dollar contributions is a win-win situation.

If you recall, Dan Clifford, Jeannette and I had a very nice meeting with Joel and his staff last June in D.C. The meeting had a very positive atmosphere and promise of a working relationship.

I'm including a copy of the June meeting recap and request for Mr. Holtrop's trip and address to our Rendezvous in March.

Happy Holidays, folks.
See you at the Rendezvous, if not sooner.

November 4, 2009
Kim,

As a follow up to our phone conversation this morning I am glad to hear that Joel's schedule is open for March 19, 2010. A presentation by him to our 26 units of Backcountry Horsemen of California (BCHC) would be a great boost to the discussions he, his staff and I had on June 15th. Mr. Holtrop would be able to address the greater part of the 26 units officers and chairpersons. His address would be a great follow up and incentive to BCHC.

One of the major points of the discussion was the removal of the purity policy (FSM 2320.6) from the manual. We discussed the benefits of such a

removal to the Forest Service and the very viable horse industry that contributes 101 billion, 536 million dollars annually to the total US economy.

A recap to our discussions, in part, are his July 14, 2005 testimony concerning the Northern California Wild Heritage Wilderness address that was a departure from the purity principle not opposing many wilderness designations; BCHC's willingness to solicit funds through their 501(c)3 status and targeting education and trail maintenance; BCHC's fund solicitations being consistent with Mr. Holtrop's January 25, 2006 address discussing "Outdoor Recreation In America"; Forest Service recreation programs in the future must also be financially sustainable"; "Matching recreation opportunities to conditions within regional and local economies"; "exploring funding options through work with the private sector that could allow private investments in campgrounds and other facilities".

Another element of our discussion was BCHC efforts in involving youth through "wildlink", Future Farmers of America, 4H and Leave No Trace Programs involving ethnic groups that do not normally get into the outdoors and addressing Mr. Holtrop's concerns regarding "nature deficit disorders."

Mr. Holtrop is invited to address our 26 units on March 19, 2010 at Merced County Fairgrounds in Merced, California.

Thanks, Kim.

Bruce De Mott
Public Lands Co-Vice President
Backcountry Horsemen of California



**The BCHC Education Fund is a
501c3 non-profit organization.**

**A DONATION in the amount of your
choice is tax deductible.**

**You can now donate easily and
quickly, using a major credit card or
PayPal.**

**Simply go to the BCHC website
(bchcalifornia.org), scroll down to
the bottom of the Home Page, press
the Donate button and help us in our
many efforts.**

Thank you!

Public Lands

CONSIDER THIS OPPORTUNITY!

To my trail maintenance community,

The Inyo National Forest will have Student Conservation Association crews all summer working on the Pacific Crest Trail and feeder trails. Working on trails in the High Sierra is a special experience you will never forget.

Please consider joining a crew for a weekend or a week or whatever. To stock users, we will need pack in and pack out support for crews as well as resupply and moving trail camps.

More specific dates and places will be made available as spring approaches.

Happy Holidays,

Bill Carter, Eastern Sierra Unit
BCHC

760- 872-7511

From: Shane Krogen
<Shane@trailcrew.org>

Subject: FW: **PCTA Stimulus Funding and PCT Corps Crews**

To: Shane@trailcrew.org

Date: Wednesday, December 23, 2009, 9:38 AM

I have forwarded this email below to you for consideration. Both The Sierra and Sequoia

National Forest did not request any of these crews to provide work on the PCT with the respective forest. But the opportunity is there for anyone willing to travel to Southern Cal or North Cal.

Ho Ho Ho

Shane Krogen, Founder / Executive Director, High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew

1424 Los Altos # 102, Clovis , California 93611-2585

Cell 559-250-9360

Office 559-325-2874

Fax 559-325-9754

"To empower volunteers to serve the needs of our public lands, forests and communities."

.....
Memo to: Leaders of Volunteer Crews on the PCT

Subject: **PCTA Stimulus Funding and PCT Corps Crews**

From: Mike Dawson, PCTA Trail Operations Director

Beth Boyst , U.S. Forest Service PCT Manager

Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 4:40 PM

Dear Volunteer Leaders,

We are writing to bring you up to date on the broad outlines of an important opportunity for the PCT Community. Those of you

who attended the Trail Operations Conference have already heard some of this, but we wanted to ensure that all of you understand the entire corps crew program and how it is integrated with the work that your volunteer program is doing..

Most of you are aware that Congress passed, and the President signed into law, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), more commonly known as the "economic stimulus package." The idea, in part, is to give the economy a boost by using federal funds to employ willing workers in a variety of public works projects. Part of that funding is allocated to the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Our partners in both agencies asked for funds for "maintenance of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail" and they received substantial funding. One of the tenets of this program is the desire not to expand the permanent Federal work force but rather to do this work through the private sector. Special provisions in the ARRA legislation recognize the importance of work by youth corps programs and non-profits. As a result, the agencies are sending the lion's share of the PCT funds to corps crew programs such as the Student Conservation Association and the Northwest Service Academy AmeriCorps. Another major recipient of funding is the PCTA. With that funding, PCTA is

bringing on new staff experienced with the work and management of trail crews. We are also bolstering our ability to recruit volunteers and manage the multiple necessary ARRA agreements. This increase in staffing will allow PCTA to take the lead in planning for projects with the multitude of agency partners that we all work with.

This effort will bring more than 300 crew weeks of work to the PCT over a two year time period in 2010 and 2011. While this is a great opportunity, we want you to know that it is the intention of PCTA and the U.S. Forest Service to use this work force as an opportunity to augment the growing volunteer programs along the Trail, and indeed to create many opportunities for volunteers to be involved directly with corps crew projects. It is our hope that you will work with PCTA and agency staff to put these crews to their best use, without displacing the work that your volunteers are doing on the Trail.

Recently, we were approached by one volunteer leader about using the corps crew program in his area to offer additional opportunities for his long time volunteer crew members. These corps crew programs will be hosting additional volunteers on their crews, making new volunteer opportunities for veteran and novice volunteers to engage in their projects. Each corps crew will have about six members, so we can take up to four to six additional members

Continued on Page 15

Public Lands

OPPORTUNITY, *continued from Page 14*

on each crew. Volunteers will become a part of the crew and the sponsoring corps will provide meals, tools, etc. If you want to offer this opportunity for your existing volunteers (in effect expanding the number of projects that you are sponsoring) you can organize that with Jennifer Tripp in our Sacramento office.

In addition, we see this as a key opportunity for many young adults to experience and get hooked on trail work on the PCT becoming potential future volunteers and potentially our next generation of volunteer leaders and organizational staff. We have attracted skilled and talented professionals into these new PCTA staff positions. These new staff members will grow their trail skills and crew management expertise, gain a real understanding of the intrinsic value of volunteer engagement in our work and become future staff leaders in trails organizations and agencies.

As you can see, this is a great opportunity for PCTA and the federal agencies in many ways. We want you to clearly understand that it is our continuing goal to grow and strengthen the volunteer role in the maintenance, management, and protection of the PCT experience. It is our commitment to make this ARRA funding opportunity into an opportunity not just to accomplish short term goals on

the Trail, but to strengthen the PCT community in the long run.

If you have questions regarding ARRA funding, programs and crews, please feel free to contact either of us or your local PCTA regional representative. If you wish to work on making volunteer opportunities available to your crew members, please contact Jennifer at (916)285-1853.

Thank you for your continued dedication to making the PCT the best trail possible.

Mike Dawson
Beth Boyst

PCTA Trail Operations Director
USFS PCT Manager

(206) 463-9087
(707) 562-8881

mdawson@pcta.org
bboyst@fs.fed.us

mdawson340@aol.com

PS - Please share this email with other PCT volunteer leaders who you think might be interested in reading it. Forward this email to a friend.

**USFS and BLM
have substantial
federal stimulus
money to
maintain Pacific
Crest Trail**

TRAIL MAGIC

By William R. Balfrey, Top of the State Unit, from Trail Memories of the Northfork of the Salmon River and More. What follows are stories of the North Fork of the Salmon River. The first few stories are entitled "Trail Magic." I told these four stories at a 2004 Trail Forum.

While attending the Mt. Shasta Trails Forum held in May of 2004, we were asked to 1) speak to the value of trails and 2) name our favorite trail and, if possible, share a story or two.

I spoke to the concept that trails are the arteries of flow for migration, for man, before the time of Lucy* to the present, which today are spoken of as freeways, built over the old trail sites. Trails are rooted in our very veins of life. There is a calling to many to seek out and travel these trails. It puts a thrill in my heart, my very soul to follow these wilderness trails mounted on the back of a fine saddle mule that is stepping out.

Notes: Lucy = *Australopithecus afarensis* was found by Dr. Don Johanson, in 1974, in Ethiopia. Lucy was a near bipedal ancestor going back to some 3.5 million years ago.

It is my belief that, "trails are where the soil meets the soul/sole".

My favorite trail: The North Fork of the Salmon River above Mule Bridge. It gives increased meaningfulness to me, to realize that my father and grandfather hiked and rode this same trail for their life-time, as I have for mine. The stories are many that come to mind, so I would like to share with you the three stories I shared at the Forum. The stories come to mind often.

1. Willo, my wife and artist, and I were riding the mules up to the cabin and ahead of us hiking on the trail above the Mule Bridge, was a couple, each armed with a camera. They were unaware that we were coming up behind them as they stopped at a pretty side stream, a historic site where Abbott had placed bars to block the trail. The bars are long ago rotted away. The woman was kneeling down in the trail taking a picture of a flower. I let my mule walk up to her shoulder. When she looked up here was a mule inches from her. She said, "Oh, God". I couldn't resist, I replied, "Yes"!

2. My Father, Gleason, and I were riding the horses (this was before we switched to riding mules full time) up to the cabin and met a solo, very harried, male hiker coming down the trail. He carried a backpack, a 30-30 rifle and had a dog. He looked pale. I asked him what was wrong and he replied he "was leaving the country and never coming back." He went on with the following story: as he came down the trail at the five mile bluff a calf (from the Young ranch range) was attempting to escape through the closed trail gate as a bear was attacking it. His dog ran up and bit at the bear, the bear turned and took on the dog, the dog fled back to the man and ran between his legs. As the bear ran over the man, the man fell to his back bringing up the rifle and shot the bear under its chin. I asked what he did with the bear and he said, "I drug it back up the trail (to get it off the bluff) and left it by the side of the trail". My father and I thought "Sure you did." So after getting to the cabin, I hiked up to check the gate and look for a dead bear. It was right where he said it was. With my toe I pushed its head around. The top of its skull was blown away. This is a true story.

3. Willo and I were returning from a fall ride to the cabin. As we were riding by a stand of maples, I became aware that the mules were not making a sound as we rode on. The following thought played on my mind: "There is a hush of hoof muted by the gorgeous damp fall maple leaves captured in the hollow of the old worn trail!" The hush was ethereal! Indeed a Magic Trail moment!

CCC – THEY ARE THERE FOR US....

*By Jo Johnson, San Joaquin Sierra Unit
Photos Stacy Borowski, Crew Supervisor*

Have you ever wondered what exactly the California Conservation Corps is? Chances are, many of us in the BCHC have heard of this organization or read snippets about them in our State or Unit newsletters. Some Units routinely work with a few of the CCC crews that are spread throughout the state, others might never have had this opportunity.

This past summer I was fortunate enough to spend several months packing in the Yolla Bolly Wilderness for four different CCC crews. These crews were there to complete a vast amount of Wilderness trail rehabilitation in some of the major burn areas from last year's horrific fires. While I was up there, I learned some interesting things about this very worthwhile group.

A "C-Crew" is generally made up of about 12-15 corps members and their Crew Supervisor, who is a CCC Staff member. Each of the four Crew Supervisors I met over the summer has been with the CCC for many years and they are incredibly dedicated both to their work and to the young men and women on their crews. In addition to their expertise in trail building and all that it entails, the Crew Supervisors also possess truly amazing leadership and motivational skills. Plus, they work as hard as the C-crew members do and I am here to tell you – that is a tough thing to do!



This past summer each crew would go in for a week, called a "spike". We would pack each crew in – usually a 2-day affair for the three of us and our 19 head of animals - then pack them out at the end of their week and pack another crew in. And so on it went, all summer.

The crew members themselves range in age between 18 and 25 and I discovered they are from a wide variety of backgrounds. I talked with folks from high-dollar families and from low-income ones. Some are from little country towns, some are from inner cities. Several of these young men and women had never so much as spent a night away from home before, let alone slept outdoors or in a tent. I know that for some I talked with, it was quite a culture shock to suddenly be spending a week at a time out amongst the rattlesnakes, scorpions, coyotes, and bears!

Those who shared their stories with me each had their own reasons for joining the CCC but there certainly were some trends. Some of them joined so they could work in the outdoors, some wanted to get away from home. Some are interested in the leadership skills they will learn and in furthering their education. Of course, they all want a paycheck – although they only earn minimum wage, about \$8 an hour. As



a matter of fact, it never ceased to amaze me that young people of today will work so hard for so little monetary reimbursement . . . and what's especially neat is that they sure seemed to have fun while they were doing it.

C-Crews work long hours - typically 8 to 10 each day - from Wednesday through the following Wednesday, then they get six days off. Before heading out into the



CCC – THEY ARE THERE FOR US....

backcountry, Corps members must attend Conservation Awareness classes to help them understand the “why” behind the sometimes extreme outdoor work they are tasked with. They also receive a relatively in-depth course in Leave No Trace wilderness ethics. I have looked through their LNT study book - it is truly a fantastic resource – and it often, if not always, accompanies the crews when they are out on a Wilderness spike.



The Corps also offers classes to help the kids obtain a GED or high school diploma (there are even scholarships available). Plus, all members must attend classes in Career Development to prepare them for employment after their year with the CCC is over.

The crew members of each of the spikes we worked with were required to write a daily journal which was turned in to their Crew Supervisor at the end of the week. Certain crew members are tasked with keeping track of the production statistics; noting how many feet of tread work were completed, the brushing, the rock work, how many trees were felled and/or sawed, and their diameters. A full report is turned in to the Supervisor at the end of each spike.

The C’s are ALL about safety. The crew members get a week of intensive but unpaid training when they are hired and there is ongoing mandatory training throughout their year of employment. Every morning on the spikes, after the crew has a big breakfast (there is NO shortage of food in the CCC!), they have warm-up exercises and a Safety Meeting. They rotate camp duty daily, so one or two are assigned to remain and clean up the morning’s dishes and prepare the evening meal. The rest receive their assignments for the day’s work, make their sack lunches, and break off into splinter groups to handle the different duties required in trail maintenance and rehab. Each group is headed either by the Crew Supervisor or by a C-crew member who has earned a promotion to either a red hat (crewleader) or a green hat (specialist).

Sometimes the C’s are able to get a temporary permit to use chainsaws in the Wilderness – sometimes not. Regardless, they use a myriad of hand tools to cut brush and logs, create tread, move rocks – even build causeways. We packed cross-cut saws (and sometimes chain saws, depending on permit status), tree saws, hand saws, loppers, and axes. We also packed Pollaskis, McClouds, shovels, single-jacks and rock bars. In addition, they often used griphoists (come-alongs) in varying sizes, along with coils of heavy cable.

Although the Crew Supervisors are extremely knowledgeable in trail maintenance, occasionally the damage to the trails was so severe that the rehab required feats of engineering that boggled the mind. In these cases, the Crew Supervisors would meet and confer with Ken Graves, the Forest Service Yolla Bolly Wilderness Manager (and our boss for the summer of packing). They’d put their heads together and with the combined knowledge and amazing degree of experience between them, they always found a way to make it work.

I have had people ask me if these CCC groups are somehow similar in nature to a police work detail – actually, they couldn’t be more different. The CCC will not hire anyone who is on probation or parole and part of the hiring process includes the applicants being fingerprinted and drug tested. And one thing is for sure - C-crews are the hardest working groups of young men and women that I have ever encountered. Never have I seen such happy young people, joking and laughing and working effectively as a team - even when they have been deep in the Wilderness for a week, are so dirty I can barely recognize them, have likely been both freezing and overheated in the same 24-hour period, maybe even been rained or hailed on, **and** had to do all their own cooking! (which, by the way, is often superb).

Once packed in, the CCC spike teams are self sufficient – in effect they are their own little temporary city. The three C’s could almost be “Camp, Cook, and Clean”. They have their own water filtration systems, along with kitchen sanitary requirements that would make the finest restaurant envious. And, amazingly enough, when they are packed out it is difficult to tell they were ever there.



The CCC web site says this, “*Simply stated, the CCC puts youth and the environment together to benefit both*”. After spending the majority of four months this summer working with these folks, I heartily agree. If you find yourself occasionally wondering where we as humans are going, I would encourage you to look into spending some time working with the C’s. Certainly, my faith in the youth of today has been reestablished. There *IS* hope for us. The CCC is amazing, making our outdoors better - as they develop teamwork, ethics, and other valuable life skills in young people while exposing them to a very demanding lifestyle.

It truly was an honor and a privilege to spend my summer with them.

If you want to learn more about the CCC, or your Unit is interested in working with them, here is the link to their website: <http://www.ccc.ca.gov>

Rendezvous 2010

General Public and Outdoor Users Welcome!

2010 BCHC Rendezvous

Pack to the Future - Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Packers

**BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA
RENDEZVOUS MARCH 19-20-21 2010
MERCED COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, MERCED CA**

SINCE 1988, CALIFORNIA'S BIGGEST EQUESTRIAN EVENT OF ITS KIND FOCUSING ON TRAILS AND THE BACKCOUNTRY.

**MORE VENDORS MORE FOOD
MORE MUSIC MORE FUN
GENTLE USE CLASSES
CONTESTS / AWARDS
YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS**

**CATERED BANQUETS
Friday Night Campfire Social
Music, Poetry, Singing and Story Telling**

**WIRELESS INTERNET CAFE
LIVE MUSIC**

**SUNDAY SERVICES
At Our Cowboy Church
All Welcome
WESTERN ART SHOW**

**FOR VENDOR INFO OR GENERAL INQUIRIES
John @ E mail JOHNBIATMAN@AOL.COM
Call 209 577-1516**

**LARRY SHUMAN, BCHC President
E mail @ LSHUMAN62@GMAIL.COM
Call 530 527 8907**

www.jbipresents.com

**NEW LOCATION
MERCED COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

General Public and Outdoor Users Welcome!

WHEREVER YOU'RE COMING FROM, IT'S EASY TO FIND MERCED COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS!

900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Merced, CA 95341



SAN DIEGO
unit

challenges you
to

BRING YOUTH
to

RENDEZVOUS
2010!

Just do it!

Rendezvous 2010

RENDEZVOUS TO REMEMBER, continued from Front Page, Column 1

suggestions. (A word to the wise: put on your thinking caps for another contest this Rendezvous!)

“Pack to the Future - Today’s Youth, Tomorrow’s Packers”. This might be a simple play on words but it-s also a simple statement of truth. (It sounds simple but is really rather complex!)

Even as recent as a couple of generations ago, Americans were more rural and as a whole much closer to the land. Life moved at a slower rhythm. Families even gathered together to eat dinner together. Remember that?

Today life is so much faster paced. I think of my dad who lamented, more than once, that even though one could get to a destination faster than ever before, there was less free time to spend once you got there! The various “must have” trappings of modern life increasingly draw away the attention of our young people. Computer games, cell phones, iPods, iPhones, iTunes, (I think I’m getting i trouble!) MP3s, texting, etc., all draw away our kids’ attention and minimize our quality time with them. I look back to my own growing up years where I followed my dad everywhere; wanting to do the things he did, wanting to know the things he knew. I learned a lot from that. Today’s kids are missing out. Do they even know what an owl sounds like, for instance?

I hear it when I attend BCHC activities - “... not many young people ...lots of gray hair ...need more kids”. That is why Rendezvous 2010 is so exciting to contemplate! We are starting to recognize the situation and we’re taking steps to introduce our children to this very unique activity called “packing”.

Rendezvous 2010 will have many youth-oriented classes. Youth Knot Tying, Gentle with Wildlife - supported by a cast of live wild creatures injured and now healthy, helping to teach kids how to appreciate them. Youth Iron Mule Packing - instructional classes geared toward the kids’ level of understanding. What Kids Need to Know in an Emergency is another.

Other kids’ classes and events are in the works to interest the younger folks. Samples of these are Orienteering/GPS/Where Am I? Kids’ Packing, Kids’ Coloring, Kids’ Costume, Bare Bottom Basics, and Animal Footprints & Tracking.

Toward this end there is something planned for parents, too- the very popular and useful class: “Parents Who Want to Pack with Kids”. Experienced parents who “have done it” are the presenters. They will help make your trip successful and enjoyable.

With all of this comes a challenge: BRING A KID! Child, pre-teen, teen, near adult, it does not matter. Bring your own, borrow a neighbor’s, or grab a grand kid. Find one (legally, of course) and bring one. Bring a group of them! If everyone who attended Rendezvous 2010 brought just one youngster, we would be swimming in them. What a thought! Perhaps this will be a seminal moment where we redevelop a youth

interest in packing! Help them the way that someone helped you learn something that you now enjoy.

With enough enthusiasm we might someday soon be able to work up a Junior Packer level membership. We have the knowledge and the expertise to share. We just need the kids!

Efforts are underway to attract local 4H and FFA equestrian-oriented youth. BCHC has made Rendezvous more affordable this year by increasing the age for free entry from 12 years to 16 years. That will help make the “Bring a Kid” program more affordable. Invite 4H and FFA kids from your area. They may not even know about packing. Expose them to it and see what happens. The seed might grow!

Of course, Rendezvous would not be Rendezvous without trainers such as Jerry Tindell and Matt Sheridan along with the full complement of other useful classes. There will be the delicious catered dinner on Friday night followed by our very well-received Friday Campfire Social. Here there will be warm campfires and a stage with an open microphone for reciting cowboy poetry, telling stories and swapping yarns along with some pleasant music from time to time. Another catered dinner on Saturday night will be followed by the auction, awards and dancing. And important to note: A new plan is in place to speed along the auction/drawing process!

Rendezvous 2010 will also have a new location - the Merced County Fairgrounds, about ¼ mile west of Freeway 99 in Merced, CA. Easy to get to, easy to find!

Start planning to attend Rendezvous 2010. It will be a “Rendezvous to Remember”!

PACKING 101 – NEW AND IMPROVED FOR 2010!!

By Kaye Bruns, President, Antelope Valley Unit

Antelope Valley Unit has great new ideas for Packing 101 at Rendezvous 2010.

Take the **Pack Saddle 101** class to learn from World Champion Packers Rick Jacobsen and Jerry Jones how to adjust a pack saddle correctly for the animal.

Or attend a packing lesson using live mules. Three 90-minute classes are scheduled - one Friday afternoon, one Saturday morning, and one Saturday afternoon. All who participate in these classes must be BCHC members and pay a nominal registration fee. Antelope Valley Unit members will be available to coach and assist student packers.

And several **Iron Mules** will be set up outdoors throughout the Rendezvous for anyone to work with. BCHC instructors will be available Friday afternoon, all day Saturday and Sunday morning for BCHC members and the general public to come and learn. FREE — NO CHARGE!

Rendezvous 2010

ALL EQUESTRIAN RIDE, *continued from Front Page, Column 2*

donkey, pull a cart or carriage, come join the fun! We're proud of being horsemen and don't mind parading to show it.

You are cordially invited and don't have to be a member of Backcountry Horsemen to ride in the parade. If you are a Backcountry Horsemen and are busy with rendezvous doin's, then welcome folks as they ride up to the Fairgrounds. We all love our saddle critters and can have lots of things to discuss or cuss about.

The parade staging area is at 16th & M, starting at 10:00 a.m. You may park your rigs in the parking lot and ride up the back roads to the staging area.

Here's the back roads route to ride horseback to the staging area: Ride across Martin Luther King Jr. Way and get on W. 8th Street. Ride down W. 8th Street to Canal Street and turn right. Then follow Canal, under the freeway, to the parking lots at W. 16th and Canal for staging. The only time you will ride all the way down Martin Luther King is during the parade. Otherwise, you must take the back roads discussed here.

If you are not a member of Backcountry Horsemen you must provide a Certificate of Additionally Insured naming Backcountry Horsemen of California. Members that choose to ride must be covered by their unit insurance.

Us equine folks are about something. Let's ride and visit all together.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me:

Bruce De Mott, Parade Coordinator
24838 S Austin Rd, Ripon, CA 95366
209-599-2620 (h)
209-602-8529 ©
Demott9@aol.com

In addition to EXTRA ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH, Rendezvous 2010 will also include old favorites like: well-known trainers Matt Sheridan and Jerry Tindell, Gentle Use Classes, Odd Load Packing instruction and contest, Dutch Oven Cooking Competition, and the Vendor Wine & Cheese Reception.

Watch for your Rendezvous Registration packet to arrive in the mail by mid-January.

See you there!



WESTERN ART SHOW

The Western Art Show includes paintings, photos, leatherwork, sewing & knitting, carving, arts-n-crafts, and miscellaneous. If your item does not fit into any of these categories, submit it anyway and we will find a place for it.

Prizes will be awarded. The art works will be displayed in the Vendor Building for people to admire. Judging will occur Saturday afternoon, with winners announced during the Wine & Cheese Event, Saturday evening before dinner.

In addition to the judges selections for prizes, one entry will be selected to win the "People's Choice" award, by popular vote.

If you wish, you may sell your work by simply attaching a price tag to it. You may also donate your item to our Saturday night auction. We are not responsible for the sale of your item but the display will be done in a fashion that will put you in contact with interested parties.

**All art must be picked up
NO LATER THAN 9 AM SUNDAY MORNING.**

CONTEST RULES

1. Item (e.g., painting, photo, etc) must be created by you and your name must be on the entry form. One entry form per item. Entry number assigned at time of submission.
2. Paintings, photos and drawings must be framed (including wire on the back) for their protection and display.
3. All contest entry forms must have contestant's name and address and phone number we can reach you at during the Rendezvous weekend. Name, address, and phone numbers should be attached to your display, as well.
4. \$5.00 entry charge per item.
5. Entries are due no later than Rendezvous Saturday, before noon and must be picked up **no later than 9am on Sunday**.
6. Prizes will be awarded for each category at the discretion of the Western Art Show judge.
7. Western Art Show judge is not responsible for the sale of items. Interested buyers will need to look up the information on the item tag and track down the artist.

See your Rendezvous Registration packet for Western Art Show Entry Form.



Rendezvous 2010

RENDEZVOUS OPENING CEREMONIES: PARADE, NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PACKING DEMONSTRATIONS

By Michael King, Rendezvous Committee

Scheduled for noon on Saturday is the official Opening Ceremony of the 2010 Rendezvous. Kicking things off to a great start will be our Unit Parade on the grounds of the Merced County Fair. Led by the Gustine High School Marching Band and the Sea Scouts Color Guard, there will be a parade of BCHC Units and individual entries. There are no entry fees and no prizes but there will be a lot of lighthearted fun and a lot of smiles!

Come join the fun and represent your Unit with some sort of organized entry if you wish. Or parade individually if that is more your style. Last year's participants were as varied as a 'parade of the dogs', a string of pack goats, members walking with Unit flags, and riders leading pack animals. About the only thing that we did not have was a pack llama.

Once the parade reaches its terminus, things will turn a bit solemn for a few minutes as Fresno's very own and extremely talented Jane Hammon returns to sing, a cappella, our national anthem. You will not want to miss this young lady's fine performance! Jane will sing in tribute to our country and in recognition of the men and women currently serving in harm's way, defending our freedom and liberty.

Following the singing of the Star Spangled Banner will be demonstrations illustrating the packing methods/systems commonly practiced in the west: Saw Buck, Decker and Salmon River System. Each team will pack, balance and load identical objects. Step-by-step narration will accompany the demonstrations as they proceed. You will be able to see the similarities and differences as the animals are being packed and, at the end, you will be able to compare the packed loads with one another. For those with only a saddle horse, there will be something for you as well. A presentation will be made packing gear on a horse with riding saddle. This will help illustrate the wide range of options to help you achieve the same end: getting there and back with all of your stuff! Presenters will be available to answer questions and point out the strengths and drawbacks of their particular packing method.

Those not participating in the parade, grab your lunch, a nice refreshing drink and come on over to honor our country and watch the pack presenters' demonstrations. There will be a wealth of knowledge and

CONTESTS OFFERED AGAIN IN 2010

ADULT TWO-PERSON ODDLOAD PACKING

Buckles to winning team
ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 per packer

GENTLE USE CAMPSETUP

(Entries must be received by established due date - see the Rendezvous Registration packet[®]). 2010 theme = Gentle With Waste Materials
Perpetual Trophy
ENTRY FEE: \$10.00/Unit

**First time
at Rendezvous!**

**SEE THE DREAM
POWER MINIS!**

Bring your children and grandchildren to see these little cuties, help paint them for the Opening Ceremony Parade and learn basic horse safety techniques.



#4 – BRADLEY

By Bill Balfrey, Top of the State Unit, from his book Trail Memories of the North Fork of the Salmon River and More.

It is my goal to share some stories that have shaped or touched my life while on the North Fork. I hope they hold some interest for you. I will list them simply as they come to mind, thus no chronological order has been attempted.

Bradley comes to dinner. Bradley has an attitude. Bradley has a reputation. Bradley is a black bear weighing in at some 245 lbs. It was said that he was a bad bear that had been dropped off by the Park Service, but that is rumor. It was also said that one day three government rigs with horse trailers and two hunters per rig, with rifles, went up river and that the bear population dropped off, but that also is rumor. I didn't see their rigs or the hunters anyway. I left Bradley alone because backpackers would leave notes telling other backpackers to not camp on the river because of a bad bear that would rob your camp or worse, chase you until you dropped your pack for him to rip open and eat backpacker food. So allow me to set the scene. Willo and I had invited guests to the cabin. That evening the 100+ year old table was set out under an apple tree and covered with a red and white checkered table cloth. The menu was filet, fried potatoes and onions with green salad and a red wine. As we sat down to eat I could hear yelling and pots being hit at the backpacker's camp site at the head of the meadow. Here comes Bradley! Seems he had given up backpacker's food for filet. The yelling gave us ample time to fetch some bear repellent in the form of a .30-30. Bradley arrived and our dog Griz put the bear up a fir tree. He "flew" up the tree for about 25 feet. He came back down, about as fast, chased the dog for ten feet, turned and headed to the table. Now I kind of liked Bradley – but not that much. The repellent spoke louder than words. Bradley now dreams of filets with red wine. Dinner went on as if nothing had happened. The filets were cooked to perfection. And yes, we had a bear tag.

Rendezvous 2010 Schedule

Please note: This schedule is tentative as of date of publication and subject to change.

FRI DAY, MARCH 19, 2010

| Time/Location | Pavilion | Home Arts | Cafeteria | Bear Garden | Exhibit A | Exhibit B | Exhibit C | Hot Air Arena | Odory Arena | Carnival Area |
|---------------|----------|---------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 7:00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8:00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9:00 | | PL Meeting | | | | | | | | |
| 10:00 | | PL Meeting | | | | | | | | |
| 11:00 | | PL Meeting | | | | | | | | |
| 12:00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13:00 | | Board Meeting | | | GU Stock Mgmt | Plants & Animals | QFSW Home a.m.I | Pack, Saddle Fitting | Walt Sheridan | |
| 14:00 | | Board Meeting | | | GU Stock Mgmt | Plants & Animals | QFSW Home a.m.I | Pack, Saddle Fitting | Walt Sheridan | |
| 15:00 | | Board Meeting | | | GU Camp Stave | Exam Bottom Bae be | Wild B. Course | Saddle Fitting | Walt Sheridan | |
| 16:00 | | Board Meeting | | | GU Camp Stave | Exam Bottom Bae be | Wild B. Course | Saddle Fitting | Walt Sheridan | |
| 17:00 | | Board Meeting | | | | | | | | |
| 18:00 | | Social Hour | | | | | | | | |
| 19:00 | | Dinner | | | | | | | | |
| 20:00 | | | | | | | | | | |

Fri Night Social
 Note: Exhibit A, B, C is Exhibit Building classrooms A, B, or C

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010

| Time/Location | Pavilion | Home Arts | Cafeteria | Bear Garden | Exhibit A | Exhibit B | Exhibit C | Hot Air Arena | Odory Arena | Carnival Area |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 7:00 | Breakfast | | | | | | | | | |
| 8:00 | Breakfast | Kids Coloring | | Packing 10 Y In n Mules | Plants, Prepara | GUTrail | LNf for Kids | Odd Load Packing | Walt Sheridan | Tail Tubs |
| 9:00 | | Kids Coloring | Leadership Training | Packing 10 Y In n Mules | Plants, Prepara | GUTrail | LNf for Kids | Odd Load Packing | Walt Sheridan | Tail Tubs |
| 10:00 | | Kids Kostume | Leadership Training | Odd Load Contest | GU Concepts | Trail Class Practi n | Genk w Wildlife | Mini Horse | Walt Sheridan | Tail Tubs |
| 11:00 | | Kids Kostume | Leadership Training | Odd Load Contest | GU Concepts | Trail Class Practi n | Genk w Wildlife | Mini Horse | Walt Sheridan | Tail Tubs |
| 12:00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13:00 | | | | Youth In n Mule Packing | GU Stock Mgmt | Youth Knot Tying | Kids Prop Fctri l | Jury Tindell | Safety w/ Horse | Tail Tubs |
| 14:00 | | | | | GU Stock Mgmt | Youth Knot Tying | Kids Prop Fctri l | Jury Tindell | Safety w/ Horse | Tail Tubs |
| 15:00 | | Wildlife Center of Reared Animals | Wilderness Rider Social | Packing a Riding Saddle & Hygiene and Hooves | GU Camp stave | Animal Footprints | Working w/ Age roles | Jury Tindell | Packing 10 1 | Tail Tubs |
| 16:00 | | | Wilderness Rider Social | | GU Campstave | Animal Footprints | Working w/ Age roles | Jury Tindell | Packing 10 1 | Tail Tubs |
| 17:00 | | | | | | | | | | Tail Tubs |
| 18:00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19:00 | | Dinner | | | | | | | | |
| 20:00 | | Audition Dance | | | | | | | | |

Note: Wine & Cheese Tasting at 16:00 in Exhibit Building
 Note: Exhibit A, B, C is Exhibit Building classrooms A, B, or C

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010

| Time/Location | Pavilion | Home Arts | Cafeteria | Bear Garden | Exhibit A | Exhibit B | Exhibit C | Hot Air Arena | Odory Arena | Carnival Area |
|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 7:00 | Breakfast | | | | | | | | | |
| 8:00 | Breakfast | | | | | | | | | |
| 9:00 | | Cowboy Church | | | Plants, Prepara | GUTrail | | Jury Tindell | | Pack Scramble |
| 10:00 | | | | | Plants, Prepara | GUTrail | | Jury Tindell | Geat Packing | Pack Scramble |
| | | | | | GU Concepts | Plants & Animals | | Jury Tindell | Geat Packing | Pack Urecomb b |



Unit News



Los Padres Unit Camp ‘n’ Ride

Nancy Kimmell, Education Chair, Los Padres Unit

The Los Padres Unit has been very busy this year. Hopefully our Volunteer Hours will show that.

The weekend of Halloween, our unit (approximately 159 members) camped out at Lake Cachuma (Live Oak, Santa Barbara area) and had a fabulous time. Everyone arrived on Friday, had dinner and socialized. Dave Stamey played while everyone sat around the campfire enjoying his music.

Saturday morning we had an early breakfast and people were able to go riding. I was in charge of educational programs. At 10:30 a.m., Mr. Emery Johnston showed several people different knots to make for packing, how to create a hobble out of a burlap sack, how to lift your horse's hoof with a rope in case of an emergency, and different ways to load your pack animal. Then at 1:00 p.m., Mr. Otis Calef demonstrated the difference between the Decker pack saddle and the sawbuck pack saddle. Both clinics were very interesting and both presenters had a great turn out of interested spectators.

Everyone finished the activities for the day and the Halloween nighttime spirit arose. All the children were dressed in costumes and even the adults participated. We had a pumpkin carving contest for the children. The adults and children were awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for their unique costumes. Dinner was served and a group of the costumed adults presented a belly dancing act in authentic costumes. Live and silent auctions were held. Afterwards, everyone danced to excellent music by the Mighty Croon Dogs, a local San Luis Obispo band.

Sunday morning brought another wonderful breakfast. Some people got in a last ride before breaking up camp and saying “Good Byes” to old friends and to new friends made. Everyone wished we could have stayed one more day. But isn't that the way it always is.



TRASH, BEES AND A LARGE TREE

By John Lyons from Etna

Top of the State Unit had a fall ride in the Marble Mountains. We made a loop and placed our trailers at the exit point of the ride. When our group arrived at the lunch stop destination, we discovered it was a destroyed backpackers' camp where stuff had been left all over the place. We cleaned up the trash and placed it all in a couple of trash bags with a note, “Will pick up tomorrow. BCHC-TOS.” We continued on our outing as we did not have a pack animal to carry the trash out. We had a great ride until we ran into a large tree about 100 yards from our trailers. While bush whacking our way around the downed tree, we accidentally kicked the lid off a bees' nest and the ride really started! Fortunately, everyone survived but now we had three projects to come back and finish the next day: trash, bees and a large tree. The work was more fun than the ride as we really felt like our efforts would make the next person's trip very enjoyable.



Unit News



COWBOY CANNED FOOD CONVOY

By Jacquelyn Murphy, Redwood Unit

The Backcountry Horsemen of California's Redwood Unit hosted the 2009 Cowboy Canned Food Convoy (CCFC). For the past three years, on the weekend before Thanksgiving, the Redwood Unit has gathered in Eureka and packed canned food through town to our local food bank, Food for People. The CCFC helps Food for People by kicking off their Hunger Fighter Challenge, an annual food drive. Together with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Posse, the Redwood Unit made the CCFC a huge success in 2009.

We couldn't have had better weather for the CCFC! No wind, rain or clouds in sight! At about 10:00 a.m., trucks, trailers, horses and horsemen began to line the streets of the business district in Eureka, California. Some of the people came to ride, some came to walk and others came to drive in front of or behind the Convoy. Twenty horses were brought to ride and pack goods. At 12 noon the Convoy set out. Seventeen horses (six ridden by members of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Posse and eleven by Redwood Unit members) were accompanied by three pack horses and over fifteen volunteers who walked or drove. Saddle bags and pack bags and boxes were filled to the brim with canned and non-perishable foods.

The CCFC set out along surface streets, waiting for a green light to cross Broadway (part of Highway 101), which is one of Eureka's busiest streets. Vehicles and their drivers waited patiently and watched in excitement as the

Convoy crossed the street. Children came out from their houses to watch the parade of horses walking down their streets.

The Convoy arrived at Food for People, and assembled in the parking lot for a quick picture. The food bank employees, spectators and their children had apples to feed the noble steeds who carried the goods. The horses enjoyed them! Riders took their turns unloading their precious cargo. After unloading all of the cargo, the food was weighed. The Redwood Unit and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Posse had gathered and packed 581 pounds of food! The 2009 event was the best CCFC yet and our Unit hopes to make it better next year!



Food for People is the official food bank for Humboldt County. Their organization distributes more than 1.2 million pounds of food to low income households each year. The CCFC helps provide media attention for the Hunger Fighter Challenge (a holiday food and fund drive), as well as the Redwood Unit. Food for People's website: www.foodforpeople.org. To see more pictures of the Cowboy Canned Food Convoy or to find out more about the Redwood Unit, visit our website: www.redwoodunit.com



Use the BCHC travel site to make your next vacation plans or even to order gifts!

Simply go to

<http://www.ytbtravel.com/bchc>

to get started: Hotels, Airline Tickets, Rental Cars, Cruises, all types of wonderful vacations are at your fingertips!!

Unit News

SAN DIEGO UNIT - DIPLOMACY PAYS OFF

By Cheryl Wegner, President, San Diego Unit

It was three years ago, Friday, Memorial Weekend 2006, Terry Jorgenson and Cheryl Wegner set out to scout out a Forest Service land in the Laguna Mountains of San Diego County. Their focus was to try to find a campground or area that might be suggested to accommodate horse camping. In October of 2003 San Diego County suffered tremendous losses from the Cedar Fire. Not only did the fire burn many, many homes, but it also destroyed 280,278 acres, 2,820 buildings and killed 15 people. It burned through much of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, including Los Caballos Family Horse Camp. The camp is situated on a significant cultural resource, that of a Native American village and burial ground, thus the camp remains closed and its future is uncertain.

So, another possible family horse camp was the quest for Terry and Cheryl. They began at the north end of the Lagunas working their way down Sunrise Highway, poking around the various campgrounds and forest roads. There are several campgrounds which provide camping for tents, campers, and motorhomes. They looked at caravan areas and perimeter campsites, all with an eye for possibilities. Some areas were obviously not going to work, whether topography or too cramped. So the quest continued through the afternoon. As they were working their way to the south end of the area they came upon a campground that was empty, there was no one there! They parked the truck and walked past the closed gate to see a rustic campground with one dirt road circle, numerous campsites along the perimeter. Two vault toilets were found and a beautiful stone fire pit, with benches all around. The area was littered with Black Oak leaves and the smell of pine and cedar was heaven. Terry and Cheryl declared, "This is it!" Having walked the circle, envisioning how it might look with rigs parked in the vacant spots and where the poop wagon might go, and acknowledging the trail access, they sat on one of the benches and visualized a campfire. It was astounding that here it was Friday afternoon on Memorial Weekend and this campground stood empty. We agreed that we could fill it in a matter of a couple of hours with just a few phone calls! So we said an affirmation that someday we would camp there with our horses.

That next winter we had an opportunity to be included in a site meeting just down the road regarding the expansion and improvement of a day use staging area. While we stood there in the chill, with traces of snow at our feet, we "planted the seed" and mentioned, "You know Wooded Hills would make a great horse camp."

The following year a new District Ranger came to the area and we arranged to meet with him and the Recreation and Trails Ranger. Along with other topics, we once again mentioned Wooded Hills, talking up the aspect of how revenue could be generated from the underserved demographic of horse campers.

With continued dialog, we arranged to meet with forest staff on-site in the spring of 2009. There at the picnic table we discussed how horse camping would be a good use of this campground. With the promise of Leave No Trace principles and service, we were able to gain permission for our Backcountry Horsemen Unit to camp with our horses at Wooded Hills.



*Terry Jorgenson
meets with Forest
Service staff*

So, in July several of us did camp at Wooded Hills, the first stock to be allowed to camp there. Upon our arrival we began picking up bits of trash that had been left by others, swept off the dusty stone fire pit and basked in the ambiance of this wonderful place. As promised, Saturday morning we met with a couple of Forest Service staff and did trail work as additional sweat equity.

We left the campground better than we found it (always our motto), making sure no road apple, no hay, no nothing but hoof prints were left. To follow up, we wrote a letter of thank you to the Forest Service and received acclamations that we'd done a great job and were invited back to horse camp again at Wooded Hills. Although the Forest Service is not ready to declare this a horse camp, this is progress. It's through our efforts of working with, not against, showing respect, not condemnation, that we have created such success.



*Debbie Schott, Erik Blume, Terry Jorgenson, Marty Jorgenson,
Cheryl Wegner, Ingrid Tighe, Allie Heary, after a morning of sweat
equity.*

Unit News

KEEP OUR PARKS OPEN - USE THEM!

JOSEPH D. GRANT COUNTY PARK – GREAT FOR WINTER RIDING!

By Kathy Woods, Ohlone Riders Unit

Photos by Julie Green

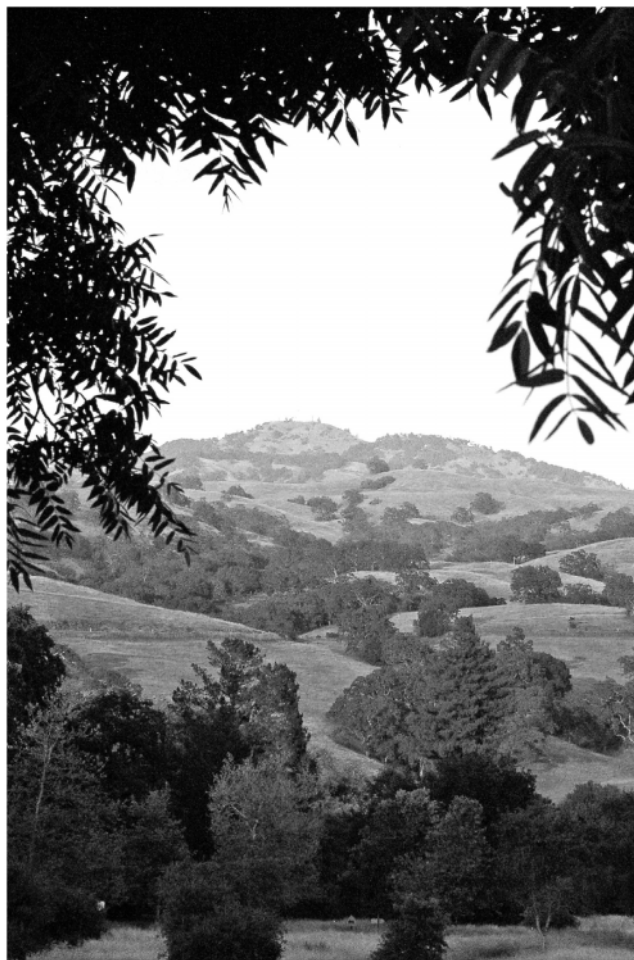
In a time when there is so much talk about closing parks and restricting access to equestrian trails there is one place where horses are more than welcome. Nestled in the eastern foothills of Santa Clara County is Joseph D. Grant County Park. With 9,560 acres this is the largest of Santa Clara County's parks and recreation areas. There has been a horse camp here for many years but it had fallen into disrepair and was little used. That was before Ranger Theresa Nance made a tremendous effort to attract more horses to the park by overhauling the horse camp.

Over the last two and a half years, the Ohlone Riders, local riding clubs and other Santa Clara County park volunteers have removed all the old barbed wire in the pasture and replaced it with smooth wire and replaced all the rotted wood fencing. Water troughs and hose bibs have been added and a group fire pit was created. New horse corrals have been set up at every campsite.

The extensive 50-mile diverse trail system makes this a popular place to ride. Large-scale organized trail events such as equestrian endurance rides use the park as a staging area. Trails in the park range from the easy "Hotel Trail" on the valley floor to the more challenging, steeper trails like the "Los Huecos Trail" in the shadow of Lick Observatory in the Mount Hamilton Range.

There are several yearly activities to enjoy in the park such as spring wildflower walks, summer astronomy programs for kids (not just for kids) and the spooky, docent-led October flashlight tour of the old ranch house which is said to be haunted. Winter is a great time to ride in the park since the trails are never closed and camping is half price from November 1 through February 28. Camping is open all year long but the trails on the south side of Mt. Hamilton Road close after heavy rain. You can always ride on the north side, they don't close.

So if you want to ride some beautiful trails for the day without a long drive or if you want to spend a relaxing weekend horse camping, Joseph D. Grant is a great place to go adventuring. If you see Ranger Theresa please invite her over for supper and to sit a spell around your campfire as she deserves special thanks for rolling out the welcome mat for equestrians right here in our own backyard east of San Jose at Joseph D. Grant County Park.



A beautiful view within Joseph D. Grant County Park

LAKE-MENDO: BOGGS MT. HORSE CAMP



26

The official opening of the Boggs Mt. Horse camp took place November 13-15. Friday Dennis Jensen, Paul Villanueva, and Don Bone broke in the camp with a great fire in the new main campfire ring. Too much fun was had. The rock fire ring (a work of art!) was installed and concreted in by Dennis with help from a number of other members. Saturday morning Paul cooked a big breakfast for all that were present. Bill Ruddock showed up along with Joe Matthews from the Forestry. Fred McClelland, and friend, Donna Bone, and granddaughter Halley showed up in time to help with the construction of the new manure bunker. Dennis was the first to break it in depositing Mule Manure before the bunker was fully built. After completing the manure bunker all the participants saddled up and took a fun ride through the Boggs Mt. area. Lead by Bill Ruddock it was a great ride and riders explored some new trails. Saturday evening was a potluck with the main course a marinated barbequed goat leg supplied by Paul. It turned out great and there was little left but a bone. Vallen Cooper and her son joined us for Saturday's campfire. Marshmallows and chocolate s'mores were enjoyed and, thanks to Halley, no chocolate was left. Sunday morning riders again mounted up for a four-hour ride led by Bill and joined by Bill Knispel. It started off warm but soon turned cool riding through the tall trees and North side of the mountain. Riders did pack a lunch and refreshments that were enjoyed in one of the few sunny spots on the trail.

Unit News

WEEKEND IN THE DESERT

By Pete Kriger, San Geronio Pass Unit

After a busy week at work I was tired but excited about joining my friends in BCHC for their annual trail clearing party at the START of the riding season on the Anza Borego Desert State Park. They close the horse trails from May to November because it is way too hot but the willows and thorny bushes keep growing along the waterways. I arrived a little late (9AM) after a 2.5 hour drive. Most of the crew had already gotten started but a retiring ranger stayed and waited to ferry me to the trail section we had been assigned. I learned a lot about the area and the park from the ranger, Nancy. It took almost another hour to drive to the trailhead on a rough, sandy, rocky, jeep road.

The willows were six to nine feet tall in places and the trail had gouged a four-foot trough in the sandy wash. We caught up with our group that consisted of one guy with



an enormous blade-mounted weed whacker and harness set-up. Then half a dozen of us would pick up the branches and bushes and try to toss the stuff off the trail. The trail was so thick in spots that the weed whackers had to actually carve a turnout in the brush every once in while to stack the branches. There were three groups just like ours scattered along the trail with directions to "clear to the next water crossing". We worked for five solid hours and met up with some nasty biomass; lots of stickery stuff with spines and glove-piercing thorns but the worst to me was the thick pollen on some of the shrubs. One guy was using a mask to screen out some of the

pollen despite the hard work and warm weather. I just sneezed and sputtered my way through. When it got real thick, I would just move along the trail to a more open area with more fresh air. I



met a lot of new friends and a few old friends that I had only connected with previously at the state meetings.

When we got back to the horse camp there was a long line at the showers; Vern Whittaker Horse Camp was a VERY nice camp with flush toilets, motion sensing CFL light fixtures, wash racks, manure dumpsters, pipe corrals, and a beautifully designed half circle dining shelter (donated by the Backcountry Horsemen) that had a curved rock wall to shelter from the wind and a slatted wooden roof for shade with a fire circle just down-wind. We all enjoyed smoked tri-tip, garlic



mashed potatoes, salad, and three kinds of pie! YUMMMM! Thanks to Linda Marshall for leading the cooking crew... it was a lip-smacking feast!

I thought the mules were secure in their corrals but I was awakened at 4:30 a.m. with a knock and shout, "Pete, a mule is out and down!" After quickly getting up and pulling on my boots I went out to find that Sam-mule had lifted the corrals up out of the sand and crawled under to get out. He had apparently visited most of the camps and probably helped himself to available hay and possibly grain. He had already been caught and put in a more secure pen a little further from my other mule, Miss Kitty, who was loudly trumpeting her concern! Sam was down and not looking too good. I went in and approached carefully from his back and talked softly to him. I stroked him gently; he immediately stood up, turned to face me and pooped! I ran my hands down each leg and lifted each foot. I thought that maybe he was okay? Everyone else went back to bed but I stayed up and watched him some more.

I left his pen and Sam went back down. He was not pawing at his belly but stretching his head, neck and legs out in sort of weird positions. I decided that I better try to walk him, so for the next hour that's what we did! At one point I needed to bring Miss Kitty to the far side of my trailer and give her some hay so that she would stay somewhat quieter. I walked Sam and he kept wanting to lay down in the soft sandy sections but we kept walking. I was monitoring his breathing and it seemed a little more rapid (stressed?) than usual. After an hour or so he seemed to relax and had pooped three times. Kitty had about finished her snack so I put them both back in the pens. Sam laid down for a bit but then was back up and looking more relaxed. I went back to bed for about an hour and awoke to see him up and alert. What happened??? Everyone from camp was offering

Continued at top of Page 28

Unit News

WEEKEND IN THE DESERT, continued from Page 27

opinions about his breakaway and late night raid but other than one open hay bale that looked a little ravished, I didn't see any proof of gluttony.

We saddled up for a ride on Sunday after a nice breakfast of chorizo and egg burritos, complements of Linda Herzig (I think). I also got some help in re-planting the corral panels that Sam had lifted out of the sandy soil. I had offered Sam to be ridden by Ladd Stokes, who showed up without a ride. I trusted him to be a sensible rider and he promised to let me know if Sam was having any continued distress. Sam did great though and Ladd said with a smile about 3/4 through the ride, "You sure have one heck of a good mule here! He didn't get bothered when you walked way out in front, or by riders coming up from behind; he was calm and collected stepping over that big log and the water crossings; besides that I think he is gaited! His walk is super smooth and he covers some ground!" I had a great ride on Miss Kitty, too. She was comfortable in the middle of the pack on the way out through our cleared trail. We got to lead coming back on the rocky by-pass road and she was a power walking fool of a mule. The road riding we did had plenty of steep rocky pitches that were tough and rough. We did not lope at all and I held her back from trotting but she slipped into a trot a couple of brief sections.

We loaded back up and drove about two hours back home despite all the traffic headed back to LA for the work week. I had a three-day weekend scheduled so I got Monday to recuperate and catch-up on messages before going back to work.

Sam was a little slow on Monday morning. It took him until mid afternoon to finish his morning feed. I'll keep watching him but I think we all survived the weekend and had a good ride and work party. Miss Kitty was again a great ride and quite a vocal character in camp. There was some discussion about me showing up late for a work party and having mules that dismantled pipe corrals and braying in the middle of the night was a sign that maybe my last BCHC unit kicked me out...I think I saw them winking!



*Did you know BCHC is now on Facebook?
Become a fan by going to the BCHC website
and clicking on the Facebook logo.*



LAKE-MENDO UNIT COPPER BUTT WORK PARTY

The Copper Butt Trail Head work party on November 7th and 8th was a great success. Lead by Sara Wilson of the Forestry Department, workers met at the work site around 10:00 a.m. and proceeded to fill bags of trash until there were no more bags. Some full bags were emptied and refilled from the lower creek area. The hillside was very steep and a chain of workers was set up to transfer the heavy bags up the hillside until the site was totally cleaned up. Lead by Sara Wilson and Ryan Henson of the California Wilderness Coalition, workers from the Upper Lake School District, local volunteers, members of the Clearlake Horsemen, and Lake-Mendo Backcountry Horsemen did a great job in little time. BCHC members present for the clean up included: Paul and Toni Villanueva, Bill Ruddock, Tony August, Fred McClelland, Dennis Jensen, and Gary Pierachini. A great showing from our Unit – thanks! On Sunday the work group was smaller for the installation of the steel barrier posts. Four posts were set into concrete, filled with rock, and capped off with concrete at two entry road access points to the clean-up area. Enough room was left to park off the main road but blocked off road use. A new post auger was broken in and did a great job. The M3 road to this site and Lower Nye campground was narrow and areas overgrown. There were also mud holes and slick muddy areas. Travel on this road with larger trailers is not recommended. Ask Paul (who had a blow out with a new tire and had tires leave the road to negotiate tight hair pin turns)! It is a white-knuckle ride! Reminder to BCHC workers who participated: Fill out your work sheets and submit to Lorrie. Toni, Paul, Bill, and Tony August brought animals and camped out. Paul and Toni stayed at the Bear Creek horse camp Friday. Saturday Bill, Tony, Paul and Toni stayed at the Lower Nye, camped out and took a two-hour ride out of camp after the work was done. The trail was not bad but could use a little work.

Announcements

THANK YOU to the following members who have contributed extra to BCHC through their dues since September 14, 2009:

MT. WHITNEY:

(None at this time)

PATRON:

Antelope Valley Colf, Stephen and Mary Ann
 Eastern Sierra Reginatto, Leon
 High Sierra Allen, Gwen G. Barnes, Stan Kampen, Jeff and Alice Pendegraft, Karl and Trish Williams, Derek (Rick) and Kendal
 Kern Sierra Zanimovich, Vincent and Donna
 Mid Valley Arington, Terri
 Sequoia MID VALLEY UNIT Griswold, Don and Ginny Holly, Jim and Pat Young, Larry

BENEFACTOR:

Antelope Valley Furer, Heidi and Latha Hylton
 Eastern Sierra Brown, III, John D. and Susie Harms-Brown Layne, Michelle Newman, Forrest Will, Douglas and Sherilynne
 High Sierra Allemang, Dan and Joyce Cochran, Richard and Dena Gerson, Ruth and Grant Keller, Dennis and Cathlyn A. Morehart, Marty
 Kern River Valley Finch, Ken and Betty
 Kern Sierra Caffee, Boyce 'Buzz' R. and Joann F. Filkins, DVM, Mylon and Pat Frick, Edith Rogers, Scott and Grant Acquistapace, Robert E. Calef, Otis Cederlof, Robin Davis, John C. and Gail Devine, Eve, Sean, Sarah & Jacob Jenkins, Si and Karen Teixeira, Glenn and Karen
 Mid Valley Barindelli, Karen Barnes, Jay Butler, Don and Vicki Morales Caudill, Jon and Kathy Zumbunn Davis, Dennise A. Doornenbal, Rien and Lieske Erlanson, Lloyd and Susan Hargreaves, Carol Jo and Larry Schneider Huffman, Jim Hurley, Karen C. Kraft, David and Kristine Serpa, Dennis M. and Loretta
 Mother Lode Bourn, Ken and Gerry Eddy, Kate Hughes, LaVonne
 North Bay Altes, Matt and Ruth Estabrook, Lora and Carl J. Schlageter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

CONGRATULATIONS! Twenty-one of our units enrolled a total of 299 new members during 2009! GREAT WORK! Los Padres was the leading unit, enrolling 63 people this past year!! Here are the names of those who joined BCHC from October through December 2009:

| | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Antelope Valley | Sauer, David R. and Cathy L. Haslam, Ryan and Megan | Mid Valley | Laffranch, Suzette and Rick Sueve, Lloyd |
| Eastern Sierra | Deuschle, Morgan and Cheryl C. Johnson Inderbieten, Seanna Waasdorp, Kathleen E. and Peter D. | Mother Lode | Malone, Desi |
| High Sierra | Bethards, Natasha Bratcher, Nanci Bryant, Kathy and Michael Condon, Deborah A. Daley, Dean and Michelle Wagner Lucas, Gail Araiza, Yolanda Beale, Juli T. Hart, Patrick J. and Beth M. Beron-Rawdon, Debb | North Bay | Guittierez, Ricardo Manso, Ignacio Saldana, Jose de Jesus Kasnick, Valerie Brandon, MaryAnn and |
| Kern Sierra | Truax, Linda M. | Raymond Valladao | |
| Lake-Mendo | Robenson, Diana | Ohlone Riders | Parks, William Tom, Auria |
| Los Padres | La Plante, Dennis and Ellenor Rios Takacs, J. Suzanna Wesch, Larry and Janette Gregory, Michele Blunt, Caitlin Coffey, Pam and Charles Gasset Dale, Richard and Benita Davis, Larry and Alisa Hime, Ray and Kit Legge, Liliana Lehman, Gary and Sandy Lillenberg, Ann Moon, Laurie Pemberton, Coleen Schoon, Leslie Smith, Karen L. Townsend, Brooke Veino, Jeanette Williams, Jerry Pembroke, Paxton R. and Patty Allen, Bob and Wendy Hutchinson, Tom Vaicius, Roma Villanueva, Jose and Esteban L. Valenzuela | Redshank Riders | Inserra, Art and Diana Wilsterman Brett, Maurine "Moe" and John Bergstrom, Susie Curtis, Francine Esparza, Karleen Gonzalez, Susan Ruffing, Troy and Kimberlie Teel Scudder, Eliza Senfleben, Karen and Julie Streeter, Chuck Zajac, Roberta Johnson, Don and Terri |
| Mid Valley | Mangon, Jackie and Don Mackay Junette, Pamela McDonald, Jennifer C. Whitney, Bridget | Castellano | Welch, Lee and Julie Van Emmerik, Tracy H. and Erik Conley, Randy Petrusa, Cindi M. |
| North Bay | Mahoney, Alan and Carolyn McCombs, Rano and Bobetta Bay Area Barns Trails Trust & Barbara Weitz Van Deren, Lesley Ann and Tim | Redwood | |
| Ohlone Riders | Schoen, Sarah and David | San Diego | Reed, Annette and Tom |
| Redshank Riders | Long, Gregory and Deborah Nicolaides, Michelle/ Nicolaides Enterprises, Inc. | San Gorgonio Pass | Dale, Corinne A. |
| Redshank Riders | Renck, Ken and Allison | San Joaquin Sierra | Armstrong, Fiona Barnett, William (Tom) Portillo, Sherry Garwick, Jerry and Fran Garza, Lee and Dianna G. Lindegren, Julie A. and Jim Brown, Jr., Wilbur D. and Linda Searle, Cheryl L. and Russell D. |
| Redwood | Hawkins, Maris | Sequoia | Buhler, Steven and Tracy Gage, Bob and Becky Ostrander, Toni |
| San Diego | Gebhart, Al and Donna | Sutter Buttes | Jones, Eli and Mariah Goodrich-Ascherin, Dixie Menne, Becca and Dan |
| | | Top Of The State | |
| | | Santa Ana River | Golts, Debora and Chuck Mills Wolff, Pat |
| | | Sequoia | Airoza, Charles and Dahne Wilson, DVM, Jamie |
| | | Sutter Buttes | Baker, Randy and Gladys DuBose, Ben Layne, Corky Sherwood, Shirley |
| | | Top Of The State | Knight, Chuck |
| | | San Joaquin Sierra | Burroughs, Ernest Cunningham, John and Jenise Dalby, Kenneth and Diane Horst, Toby and Katie Knapp, Bridgitte and Larry/ Yosemite Trls Pk Sta |

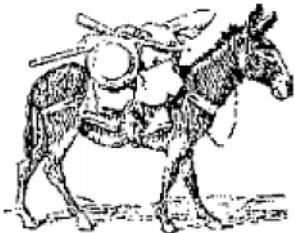
BCHC Units Around the State

IMPORTANT NOTE

Names, phone numbers & email addresses **in bold** are for 2010 Unit Presidents. Information in normal font has not been updated and is for 2009 addresses and Unit Presidents.

PLEASE CONTACT
KAREN HARPER, BCHC
MEMBERSHIP COORDI-
NATOR, IMMEDIATELY
TO REPORT CURRENT
INFORMATION.

A BCHC Membership
Application may be found
on the next page. Detailed
membership information is
available on the BCHC
website at:
www.bchcalifornia.org/



Antelope Valley

P.O. Box 3361
Quartz Hill, CA 93586-0361
Kaye Bruns
(661) 944-4927
kowgrl@juno.com

Eastern Sierra

c/o 293 Willow Street
Bishop, CA 93514-2720
Sarah C. Sheehan
(760) 872-4039
scsheehan@suddenlink.net

High Country

P.O. Box 270065
Susanville, CA 96127-0002
Valerie Lantz
(530) 233-5540
glantzatme2@frontiernet.net

High Sierra

P.O. Box 4427
Visalia, CA 93278-4427
Art Jones
(559) 338-1124
horsesaddlecow@yahoo.com

Kern River Valley

P.O. Box 5
Inyokern, CA 93527-0005
Eric Heckman
(760) 377-5092
heckman@verizon.net

Kern Sierra

16347 Stephenie Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93314-9669
Lynn Joiner
(661) 747-6347
lynnjoiner@sbcglobal.net

Lake-Mendo

P.O. Box 191
Potter Valley, CA 95469-0191
Robert Sterling
(707) 275-8742
rwster52@yahoo.com

Los Padres

P.O. Box 6773
Santa Maria, CA 93456-6773
Dave Rigoli
(805) 440-4404
melindavoigt@aol.com

Mid Valley

P.O. Box 1709
Modesto, CA 95353-1709
Michael King
(209) 664-0955
mickngig@sbcglobal.net

Mother Lode

P.O. Box 2088
Elk Grove, CA 95759-2088
Becky Wolk
(530) 622-1907
rwbzbranch@localnet.com

North Bay

1055 W. College Ave. PMB 153
Santa Rosa, CA 95401-5036
Denise Gilseth
(707) 695-5319
dgilseth@sbcglobal.net

Ohlone Riders

PO Box 362038
Milpitas, CA 95038
Kathy Woods
(408) 266-9828
ksmithwoods@yahoo.com

Redshank Riders

P.O. Box 383
Aguanga, CA 92536-0383
Pete Spencer
(760) 782-3747
cvmuleman@gmail.com

Redwood

P.O. Box 6023
Eureka, CA 95502-6023
Yvette Mendes
(707) 768-3010
yvettem@suddenlink.net

San Diego

236 Oak St
Ramona, CA 92065-1952
Margaret Hill
(541) 232-3202
macdevotee@gmail.com

San Gorgonio Pass

P.O. Box 535
Beaumont, CA 92223
Paul "Chip" Herzig
(951) 769-3781
chryvchip@msn.com

San Joaquin Sierra

P.O. Box 25693
Fresno, CA 93729-5693
John Mikkelson
(559) 434-1174
jessecowboy@comcast.net

Santa Ana River

PO Box 6871
Norco, CA 92860-8062
Thad Chodakauskas
(951) 735-2746
ctchod@aol.com

Sequoia

P.O. Box 456
Springville, CA 93265-0579
Jamie Wilson
(559) 784-7836
drjamie91@earthlink.net

Shasta Trinity

10855 Beaver Rd
Oak Run, CA 96069-9602
John Ellery
(530) 365-0497
johnellery@hughes.net

Sierra Freepackers

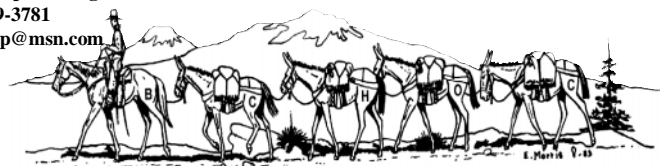
P.O. Box 64
Oakhurst, CA 93644-0064
Mike Esra
(559) 325-0292
mgebk@osbaccess.com

Sutter Buttes

1543 State Highway 99
Gridley, CA 95948-3107
Ben DuBose
(530) 673-1053

Top of the State

P.O. Box 461
Etna, CA 96027-0461
Gail Lyons
(530) 467-3137
jglyons@sisqtel.net



If there is no unit in your area and you are interested in starting one, contact BCHC Secretary Kaye Bruns for more information, (661) 944-4927 or kowgrl@juno.com

APPLICATION

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Backcountry Horsemen of California

RENEWAL APPLICATION

CHANGE - () PARENT UNIT () ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL () MEMBERSHIP TYPE

DC UR (YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER) _____

**New Members Will be Assigned to a Unit of their Owns Own Coordination

PARENT Unit Affiliation: (Select and CIRCLE ONE Under your Primary Unit Affiliation)

| | | |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Antelope Valley | Mid Valley | San Joaquin Sierra |
| Eastern Sierra | Mother Lode | Santa Ana River |
| High Country | North Bay | Sagehen |
| High Sierra | Ochone Riders | Shasta Trinity |
| Kern River Valley | Redhand Riders | Sierra Firepacers |
| Kern Sierra | Redwood | Sutter Buttes |
| Lake Mendocino | San Diego | Top of the State |
| Los Padres | San Geronimo | |

MAIL TO:

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN
OF CALIFORNIA
PO BOX 1610
OAKDALE, CA 95361-1610
<http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

**Donate to BCHC
Education Fund?**
Tax Deductible

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Packer | \$10.00 |
| Mule Skinner | \$25.00 |
| You're the Greatest | \$50.00 |

MEMBER'S NAME -No Surnames Allowed, Please Print Clearly _____ SPOUSE/MEMBER'S NAME -MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ CHECK # _____ DATE SUBMITTED: _____

BUSINESS NAME - DOMESTIC ONLY _____

PARENT UNIT MEMBERSHIP TYPES: (CIRCLE ONE)

Individual \$40.00* Family \$60.00* Benefactor \$100.00 Patron \$250.00 Mt. Whitney \$500.00

*-BCHC shares portion of dues with Backcountry Horsemen of America

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS: AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 PER UNIT IS ADDED TO YOUR PARENT UNIT DUES.
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP UNIT APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT.

Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit (Unit Name (from above list))

Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit (Unit Name (from above list))

Please attach additional checks on back

Please clip along the red line - KEEP BELOW INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORDS

PARENT BCHC MEMBERSHIP TYPES
Individual, Family (Shared*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt Whitney. A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit. BCHC members may NOT hold more than one active Parent Membership.

*A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names, each sharing a common address.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS
These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

- You may sign up for as many Associate Memberships as you like.
- Associate Memberships may also be initiated at any time during the term of your Parent Membership.
- Associate Memberships must expire concurrently with the Parent Membership, and are renewable only at the time of renewal of the Parent Membership.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the MEMBERSHIP page at: <http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS
I SUBMITTED AN Application Form for:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership | \$ 40.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership | \$ 60.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership | \$250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt Whitney Membership | \$500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donation - Packer | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mule Skinner | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You're the Greatest! | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership | \$ _____ |
| Total Remittance | \$ _____ |

Check Number _____
Date Mailed _____

Questions: Contact membership@bchcalifornia.org

Created with
 nitroPDF professional
download the free trial online at nitropdf.com/professional

EQUINE AFFAIRE®

Experience The Nation's Premiere Equestrian Gathering



FEBRUARY 4-7, 2010

Fairplex, Pomona, CA

Featuring:

- ◆ 150 in-depth clinics, seminars, and demonstrations by many of the foremost names in the horse world.
- ◆ The best horse-related trade show in the West with Breed, Youth, and Trail Riding Pavilions.
- ◆ Craig Cameron's Extreme Cowboy Race (as seen on RFD-TV) on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights; access included in your admission to Equine Affaire. Consult www.equineaffaire.com or www.craigcameron.com for details.



FEATURED CLINICIANS

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Craig Cameron (<i>General Training & Horsemanship</i>) | Thurs-Sun |
| Stacy Westfall (<i>Reining & General Training</i>) | Sat-Sun |
| Tommy Garland (<i>C.P.R. Horsemanship</i>) | Thurs-Sat |
| Ken McNabb (<i>Discovering the Horseman Within</i>) | Thurs-Fri |
| Barbra Schulte (<i>Cutting & General Training</i>) | Thurs-Fri |
| Richard Winters (<i>Colt Starting & General Training</i>) | Sat-Sun |
| Jan Ebeling (<i>Dressage</i>) | Fri-Sat |
| Nick Karazissis (<i>Hunters & Jumpers</i>) | Sat-Sun |
| Hardy Zantke (<i>Driving</i>) | Thurs |
| Mark Shaffer (<i>Western Pleasure</i>) | Fri-Sat |
| Sharon Camarillo (<i>Barrel Racing</i>) | Thurs-Fri |
| Larry Whitesell (<i>Easy Gaited Horses</i>) | Thurs-Fri |
| Daniel Stewart (<i>Ride Right</i>) | Sun |
| Scott Hansen (<i>Trail Riding & Mounted Police Training</i>) | Thurs-Sun |
| Matt Sheridan (<i>Practical Horsemanship</i>) | Sun |

Presenters, topics, and days are subject to change.

EVENT HOURS

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Thursday-Saturday | 9:00am-7:00pm* |
| *Clinics will be featured in the Covered Arena until 9:00pm | |
| Sunday | 9:00am-5:00pm |

ADMISSION

General admission tickets to Equine Affaire includes clinics, seminars & demonstrations, and the Extreme Cowboy Race.

Adult* (13+) Youth (7-12)

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|-------|------|
| The Single (<i>any one day</i>) | \$16 | | \$10 |
| The Weekender (<i>Fri/Sat/Sun</i>) | \$40 | | \$25 |
| The Eventer (<i>all four days</i>) | \$50 | | \$30 |
| 6 & Under | No Charge | | |

*Adult admission includes a free event program. To order tickets, visit www.equineaffaire.com or call (714) 845-0085. Cash only at the door. No refunds. No pets permitted.

PROUD SPONSORS OF EQUINE AFFAIRE



INFORMATION

Equine Affaire, Inc.
2720 State Route 56 SW, London, OH 43140
(740) 845-0085 • Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm ET

For continuously-updated schedule and event information consult www.equineaffaire.com

